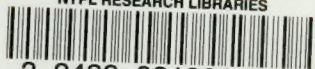


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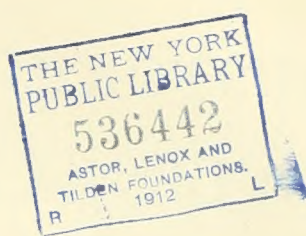
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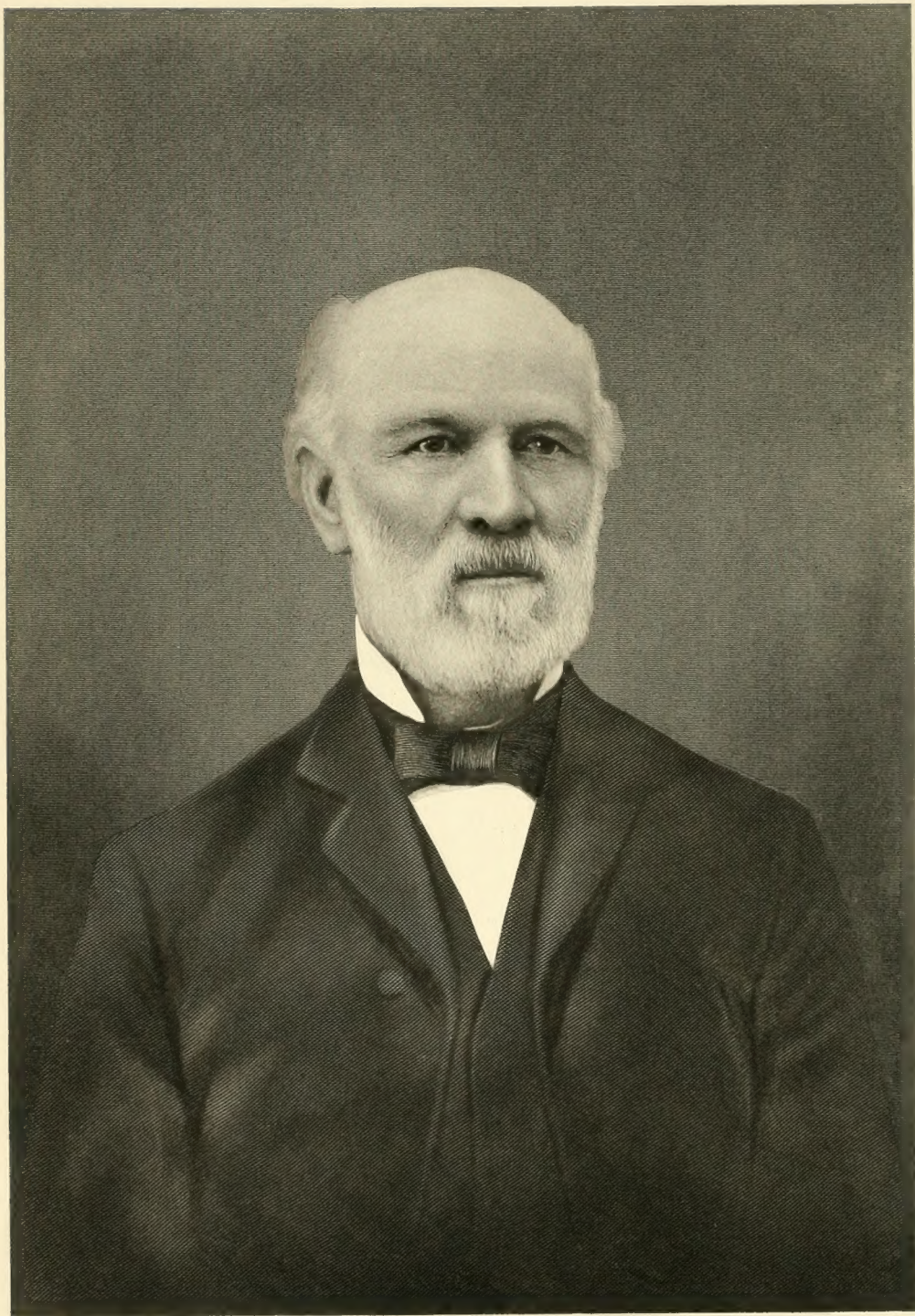
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HENRY WATERMAN MOORE.

The names of some are indelibly written upon the pages of Muscatine's history, but none shine with brighter lustre than that of Henry Waterman Moore, who in every relation of life measured up to the highest standards of manhood and citizenship. As a merchant he was enterprising, progressive and reliable, and his keen insight into possibilities and opportunities enabled him to become a factor in the promotion of business interests which were of inestimable worth in the development of this part of the state. His consideration, however, was not given merely to material things, for intellectual and moral progress also awakened his interest and received his substantial support and cooperation. He was as kindly in spirit as he was honorable in purpose, and as loyal in friendship as he was devoted to his family. He was a man earnest, honest and modest to a degree rare indeed, who led a life mainly for others and left to his sons and his friends a memory sweet and abiding.

The Moore family is of English origin, but the ancestral history of Henry Waterman Moore is one of long connection with America, for in the year 1639 John Moore and his wife Elizabeth left their old home at Barchamstead, Hartfordshire, England, and with their four children took passage on one of the old-time sailing vessels that were weeks and months in crossing the Atlantic. At length, however, the voyage was over and they settled in the colony of Massachusetts, becoming residents of Sudbury, Middlesex county. Some land was assigned to him in 1639 and 1640, and a few years later, in 1642 and 1645, he purchased other farms. The line of descent to Henry W. Moore is traced down through Jacob Moore, who was the sixth child of the original American ancestors. He was born in Sudbury, November 28, 1645, and was there married, residing in his native town until his death in 1690. His second son, Richard Moore, was born September 12, 1671, and following his marriage went with his wife and children to Oxford, Worcester county, Massachusetts, establishing his home there about the year 1711. He was the first to fill the position of town clerk in Oxford, and was also one of the first selectmen. He acted as town clerk at intervals for a period of ten years, and was selectman for about fifteen years. He also acted as moderator and town treasurer for several years and in 1721 was chosen the first representative from his town to the general

colonial assembly. For a long period he was proprietor of an inn and his third son, Elijah Moore, who was born March 14, 1702, became his successor in business, being licensed as an innkeeper from 1734 until 1759. He, too, filled the office of selectman for several years, and was well known and prominent in the community. He married Dorothy Larned, a daughter of Colonel Ebenezer Larned, who with his brother Isaac founded the town of Oxford in 1713.

Ebenezer Moore, the fourth son of Elijah and Dorothy Moore, was born September 7, 1751, and soon after attaining his majority followed his cousin, Nathan Moore, to the town of Vassalboro, in what was then the province of Maine. He settled at Brown's Corners, where he engaged in farming and soon afterward he completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Sarah, daughter of Nathan Moore. His prominence in the community is indicated in the fact that he was called to a number of public offices in Vassalboro, including that of selectman, and for twenty-four years, from 1776 until 1800, he took an active and helpful part in establishing the welfare and progress of his city. He also acted as steward for Governor James Bowdoin, of Massachusetts, who was the owner of much land in the province. His son and namesake, Ebenezer Moore, Jr., was born in Vassalboro, October 7, 1777, and in 1800 became a resident of Gardiner, Kennebec county, Maine. There he joined the Gardiner militia company, which in 1804 was divided and a new company formed, of which Mr. Moore served for seven years as first lieutenant. In 1814 the regiment to which he belonged was called to active service to resist a threatened invasion by the British near the north of Sheepscot river. The troops were on duty for several weeks at Wiscasset and Edgecomb. About 1812 he began the manufacture of paper at Gardiner, Maine, as a member of the firm of Springer, Moore & Company, which afterward became Moore, Savels & Company. Ebenezer Moore was connected with this undertaking for thirty years and his sound business judgment was an element in the success of the business. In 1808 he was married to Miss Lucy Smith, a native of Wiscasset, Maine. Their family numbered three sons and five daughters, and the two elder sons, Ebenezer and Asahel, were graduates of Bowdoin College of Maine, one of the oldest and most prominent of the collegiate institutions of New England. The elder son adopted the profession of law and the latter became a minister of the Methodist church.

Henry W. Moore, who was born at Gardiner, Kennebec county, Maine, on the 12th of October, 1818, was reared to manhood in his native town and there acquired an academic education. Seeking the broader opportunities for business offered in the city, he went to New York in the spring of 1836 and secured a position in the wholesale hat and cap store of W. P. Lyon, with whom he remained until his employer failed, during the widespread financial panic of 1837. Mr. Moore then returned to his old home in Maine, but in the spring of 1838 started for the Mississippi valley, influenced by his brother Ebenezer, then of Quincy, Illinois, who was the first mayor of that city. In June of the same year he went to Burlington, Iowa, which was then a part of the territory of Wisconsin. Believing that there was a bright future before the enterprising little village and recognizing that its location gave it many natural advantages, he there embarked in business as a general merchant, forming a partnership with

his brother-in-law, Silas Page. He was also engaged in the forwarding and commission business under the firm name of H. W. Moore & Company for three years, but in 1841 the firm failed and Mr. Moore spent the three succeeding years in settling up his old accounts, and also acting as bookkeeper for different merchants of Burlington. He then reentered trade circles in connection with the wholesale dry-goods and grocery establishment of W. F. Coolbaugh, late president of the Union National Bank of Chicago, with whom he was connected from 1844 until April, 1848.

At the latter date Mr. Moore came to Muscatine, then known as the village of Bloomington, and here opened a wholesale and retail hardware and iron store, the capital being furnished by his intimate friend, Lyman Cook, president of the First National Bank of Burlington, who, together with W. F. Coolbaugh, his former employer, also supplied him with letters of unlimited credit. Mr. Cook's interest was purchased in 1852, for the business had been established upon a substantial basis and the profits were such as to enable Mr. Moore to become sole proprietor of the business, which steadily increased under his systematic methods and careful control. He was recognized as a man of unfaltering purpose, and his sagacity and energy in business affairs brought substantial success. He remained in the hardware business about forty-seven years, selling out to the firm of Bartemeier & Fulliam only a short time prior to his death. He had but recently completed the building for the Van Nostrand Saddlery Company on Front street between Sycamore and Cedar, which they are still occupying. He was prominently identified with the commission and other business interests of Muscatine from the time of his arrival in the city until he was called to his final home. He aided materially in encouraging the establishment of manufacturing enterprises, the building of railways, the organization of banks and the advancement of the educational and religious interests of the county. He became one of the incorporators of the Merchants Exchange Bank, the predecessor of the First National Bank, in 1866, and was chosen a member of its first board of directors. Two years later he was elected vice president and filled that office most acceptably for many years, his wise counsel proving a potent element in the successful conduct of the institution. He was also president of the Muscatine Savings Bank for many years following its organization in 1880, and from 1892 until 1894 was president of the First National Bank as well as of the Muscatine Savings Bank. His resourceful business ability made him a cooperant factor in the successful conduct of many important business concerns whereon has been builded the progress and present prosperity of the county. He was president of the Muscatine Insurance Company from 1852 until 1860. He was the treasurer of the Iowa Construction Company, which built the Muscatine Western Railway in 1873 and 1874. He became one of the original stockholders of the Muscatine Waterworks Company, which was organized in 1875, Mr. Moore continuing in office for many years, and acting as treasurer of that institution from its inception until his death. He became a stockholder and director of the Hershey Lumber Company upon its organization in 1875, and in 1879 was one of the incorporators of the Muscatine Oat Meal Company, with which he was actively connected until the spring of 1888, being numbered with those who had voice in its management and control. In 1879

he also became one of the organizers and directors of the Muscatine Island Canning Company, which was the first industry of this kind established in the county.

Along lines which contributed most directly to his own benefit and were important sources of public progress and improvement, Mr. Moore was also active. When the Muscatine Fair Ground and Park Association was organized on the 13th of October, 1886, he was elected its president and so continued until early in the year 1888, when he resigned, preferring to remain simply as one of its directors. In January, 1892, H. W. Moore, associated with Charles Page, I. A. Kerr, N. W. Hine and W. M. Molis, formed the Muscatine Pearl Button Company, which was the first organized company to promote the pearl button industry in Muscatine, which is now the largest pearl button center in the world. What Muscatine would have been without the labors and efforts of Mr. Moore it is impossible to determine. He remained for many years a central figure on the stage of action here and no man contributed in larger or more substantial measure to the growth and upbuilding of the city and county. His efforts were by no means confined to his activities which brought him individual return. His aid could always be counted upon to further movements for the public good, and his influence was always on the side of progress and improvement. In 1852 he became one of the promoters in the building of Trinity Episcopal church, and for many years served as one of its vestrymen. In 1864 he was chosen a member of the school board, acting as its president for the ensuing two years, and about the same time spent two years as a member of the city council, during which period he exercised his official prerogatives in support of many legislative measures for municipal welfare.

On the 12th of September, 1853, Henry W. Moore was married in Muscatine to Miss Ellen Stone, a daughter of Calvin R. and Susan (Fitch) Stone, and they were the first couple to be married in Trinity church. Mrs. Moore was born in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, March 21, 1830, and arrived in Muscatine in company with her brother, Charles Stone, in the fall of 1852. Her death occurred February 5, 1859. Two sons survived her: Henry Stone, born December 21, 1855; and George, who was born January 27, 1859, and died February 8, 1895. A daughter born November 17, 1854, had died in infancy. Mrs. Moore was a devoted Christian woman, holding membership in the Episcopal church, and her many kindly deeds won her the love of all.

The death of Henry W. Moore occurred on the 26th of February, 1894, when he was in his seventy-sixth year. He had been a resident of Muscatine for forty-four years and at first visited the city in 1838. From April, 1845, until May, 1846, he had lived in Wapello, Iowa, and two years afterward he took up his permanent residence in Muscatine. The life record of no resident of Muscatine has been more faultless in honor, fearless in conduct, and stainless in reputation than Henry Waterman Moore. His name is inseparably associated with the history of the city, and no record would be complete without extended mention of what he did for its upbuilding and progress.

Henry S. Moore, now the only surviving member of the family, resides at No. 716 West Third street. He was reared in Muscatine and pursued his education in the public schools and in Thomas Brown Academy. On the 7th of

October, 1897, he married Miss Genes Johnson, a daughter of Walter and Sarah Frances (Watts) Johnson. Her grandfather, Robert Johnson, emigrated from the north of Ireland to America. He married Margaret Best, who was of Irish parentage although her birth occurred in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. Their son, Walter Johnson, was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1838. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Moore were John and Elizabeth (Ringsby) Watts. John Watts, despite the slight variation in name, was a direct descendant of James Watt, 1736-1819, the famous Scottish steam engine expert. The parents of Mrs. Moore are still living in this county, their home being now about four miles north of Muscatine. Mrs. Moore was born on her grandfather's farm in this county and by her marriage has become the mother of three sons: Henry Wallace, who was born December 3, 1898; Frank Beckerman, born January 17, 1902; and Maurice Watts, born September 12, 1906.

HARRY KERN.

Harry Kern, who is now at the head of the shoe house of B. Schmidt, which was established in Muscatine about forty years ago, still continues the business at No. 115 Chestnut street and is widely recognized as a successful and up-to-date merchant of the city. His birth occurred in Des Moines, Iowa, on the 9th of October, 1877, his parents being Fred and Elizabeth (Hughes) Kern, who are natives of Switzerland and Ireland respectively. The paternal grandfather, Albert Kern, was a native of Switzerland and a carpenter by trade. On coming to the United States he first located in Muscatine, Iowa, and subsequently removed to Des Moines, where he passed away at the age of eighty-seven years. His remains, however, were interred at Muscatine. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rose Weismiller, died when eighty-six years of age. They reared a large family of children, including Fred, Albert, Mollie, Henry, George and Anna. James Hughes, the maternal grandfather of our subject, spent his entire life in County Cork, Ireland. Both he and his wife lived to attain a ripe old age and reared a large family of children.

Fred Kern, the father of Harry Kern, learned the trade of a brick mason in Switzerland and after emigrating to the United States about 1855 he followed that occupation in Muscatine, Iowa, for a short time. He then removed to Des Moines and has there resided continuously since, being successfully engaged in business as a contractor. It was in that city that he wedded Miss Elizabeth Hughes, by whom he has twelve children, eleven sons and one daughter, as follows: Fred; Albert; John; Charles; George; Harry; Henry; Robert; Frank; Joseph; Barney; and Rose, the wife of Charles Reams. The parents are devoted communicants of the Catholic church.

Harry Kern was reared in Muscatine by the Hon. Bernhard Schmidt, long a prominent shoe merchant and twice mayor of Muscatine. He attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education and when fifteen years of age began clerking in the shoe store of Mr. Schmidt. When that gentleman died, on the 27th of March, 1909, he became his successor and still continues the business at

the old location and under the old style of B. Schmidt, which concern was established about forty years ago. A man of excellent business ability and sound judgment, Mr. Kern is now conducting the enterprise in a manner that insures the continuance of the extensive patronage which the house has long enjoyed.

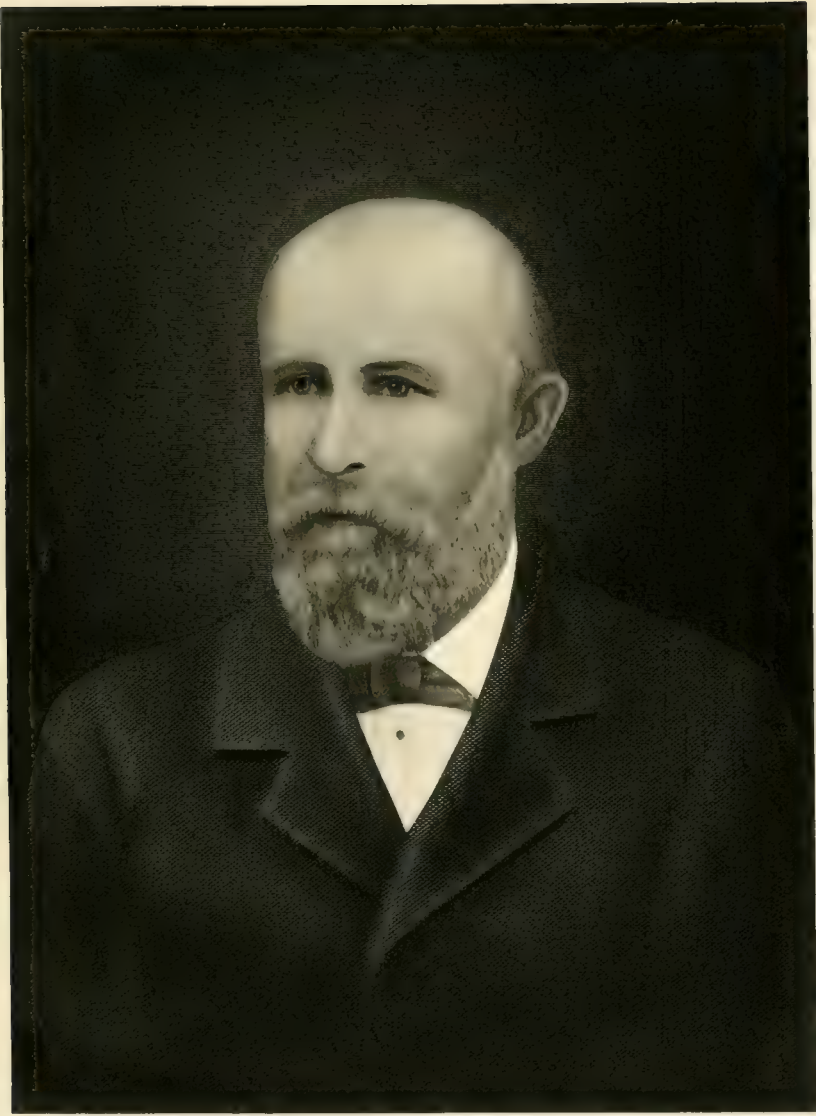
On the 30th of May, 1899, Mr. Kern was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Schmidt, a native of Davenport, Iowa, and a daughter of Henry and Anna (Oedamer) Schmidt, who were born in Germany and Iowa respectively. Her father was a brother of Bernhard Schmidt. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmidt took up their abode among the early settlers of Muscatine and afterward removed to Davenport. Both are now deceased, the former passing away in Dallas, Texas, while the latter's demise occurred in Muscatine. Their children were three in number, namely: Anna, the wife of Sherman Springer, of Muscatine; Mrs. Kern; and Barney, who is now serving in the United States navy. Mr. and Mrs. Kern have two children, Erial and Truman.

In politics Mr. Kern is a democrat, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M. He is also a member of the Commercial Club, the Knights of Pythias, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Royal Arcanum, the Retail Clerks Protective Association and the Muscatine Launch Club. He is a Spanish-American war veteran, having served in Company C, Fiftieth Iowa Volunteer Infantry from April 26, 1898, to November 30, 1898, when he was mustered out at Des Moines. At present he is regimental quartermaster of the Fifty-fourth Iowa National Guard, having been a member of the guard for twenty years. Both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church and take an active and helpful interest in its work. Mr. Kern has attained a gratifying measure of success for one of his years and, moreover, has won the regard of all with whom he has come in contact by reason of his upright and honorable methods in all the varied relations of life.

ISRAEL LEWIS GRAHAM, M. D.

Israel Lewis Graham, M. D., deceased, was born at Canton, Hartford county, Connecticut, February 11, 1823. After receiving his early education at Canton Academy and at the academy in Amherst, Massachusetts, he began the study of medicine with his uncle, Dr. F. B. Graham, at Hitchcocksville, Connecticut. He studied one year with Dr. Woodruff at New Britain, Connecticut, and one year at the Eye and Ear Infirmary in Hartford. He attended the course of lectures in 1845-6 at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York city and the clinical course at the City Hospital, and graduated from the University of the City of New York in 1847.

Dr. Graham then practiced five years at Bristol, Connecticut, where he also was surgeon for the Bristol Copper Mine, removing from there to Hudson, Ohio, where he remained for two years as physician and druggist. He then returned to Connecticut and engaged in the same business in New Haven, until he removed to Muscatine in August, 1855. His brother, James E. Gra-



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ham, born at Canton, Connecticut, November 22, 1827, came here about the same time, and in the fall of 1855 they established themselves in the drug business in a two-story frame building which then stood on the north side of Second street between Cedar and Walnut, nearly opposite the old Masonic hall. At that time Dr. Graham boarded at the Clover House and his brother James at the Irving House. They soon moved to the brick building at 224 Second street, now 305 East Second street, three doors east of Cedar street. For the first five years, the style of the firm was J. E. Graham, which was changed to Graham Brothers, and in 1868 they moved their stock of goods to the brick building which they had purchased three years previously, at the northeast corner of Second and Cedar streets. The father of Dr. I. L. and James E. Graham, Israel W. Graham, was for twenty years a resident of the county. He was born February 25, 1795, at Canton in Hartford county, Connecticut, where his ancestors had lived for several generations, and moved to Muscatine county in 1856, together with his wife, Permelia Ensign Graham, who was born in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, in 1799, and a daughter, Almira P. Graham, born at Canton, Connecticut, July 30, 1819. The family, with the exception of Dr. I. L. and James E. Graham, who came to Muscatine the previous year, located on a farm three miles north of this city on the graded road, where I. W. Graham died December 19, 1876, his wife having preceded him in death August 11, 1870. Almira P. Graham married in 1859, Sylvester C. Hoyt, son of David Hoyt, one of Muscatine's early citizens, and moved to Griggsville, Pike county, Illinois, where she died January 4, 1874. James E. Graham, the younger brother, retired from the firm of Graham Brothers, April 24, 1872, moving to Kalamazoo, Michigan, and later to Woodstock, Illinois, where he died April 29, 1894, leaving a wife, formerly Alice M. Sherfey of this county, whom he married at Muscatine, November 20, 1867, now a resident of Chicago, Illinois, and two sons, Howard E., born in 1869, and Harold W., born in 1888. A daughter, Alice M., was born in 1874 and died in 1891. After James E. Graham withdrew, the business was carried on by Dr. I. L. Graham, and in this he was actively engaged to the time of his death, from apoplexy, December 3, 1886.

On the 11th of December, 1861, Dr. Graham was married in Cromwell, Connecticut, to Mrs. Agnes M. Bronson, the widow of Roswell Bronson, M. D. Her birth occurred in Cromwell, August 19, 1831. She was a daughter of Captain James Butler, Jr., and a granddaughter of Captain James Butler, Sr., both of whom were commanders of sailing vessels which sailed from the Connecticut river to West Indian and Mexican ports. After attending the public schools in Cromwell she entered Mount Holyoke Seminary at South Hadley, Massachusetts, in 1849, and continued her studies there until illness compelled her to desist. She was united in marriage at Oxford, Connecticut, November 3, 1852, to Roswell Bronson, M. D., whose death occurred December 14, 1855. Of this union was born one son, John, September 19, 1855, who died at the age of eleven months. In 1858 Mrs. Bronson went to Griggsville, Pike county, Illinois, as an instructor in the public schools, which were then under the supervision of Professor William Chamberlain, a relative. She remained until 1861 and there met Dr. I. L. Graham, who was visiting his sister, Almira P. Hoyt. Mrs. Bronson returned to her home in Cromwell, Connecticut, and after her marriage at that

place to Dr. Graham she removed to Muscatine with her husband, who had been in business here during the previous six years. She continued to make this city her home until her death January 6, 1911, after a long illness, during which she possessed a wonderful degree of patience. She was a woman of refined character, an extensive reader and was fond of her home. At the time of her death she had lived continuously in the residence on the northeast corner of Iowa avenue and Fifth street, which was built by Dr. Graham in 1868. During the greater part of her life here she was a member of the First Congregational church and was an earnest worker in the Woman's Mission Circle of that denomination.

Dr. Graham and his wife had four children, all of whom were born in Muscatine. The two eldest, James Butler, born August 25, 1863, and Ida, born January 4, 1865, died in infancy. Mary, who was born August 5, 1866, was married September 18, 1894, to John A. Robbins and died December 20, 1897, being survived by her husband and two children, Agnes and Mary G. Dr. Graham's son, Edward Louis, born December 11, 1867, has continued the drug business at the same location since his father's death, having taken a course at the Chicago College of Pharmacy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889.

Dr. I. L. Graham, although a successful physician, was more closely identified with business interests. He was chosen a director of the Merchants Exchange National Bank, now the First National Bank, when it was organized in 1865, also a director of the Muscatine Savings Bank, now the First Trust & Savings Bank, when it was organized in 1880, and held those positions during his lifetime. He served in public office with faithfulness and ability as a member of the city council in 1872 and 1873, on the school board from 1875 to 1877, and on the board of supervisors from 1876 to 1878, being made chairman of the board in the latter year. He had a decided literary bent and during his early residence here delivered lectures before the Washington Lyceum, Oak Grove Lyceum and Literary Institute. When the Scientific Club was organized he joined that society, later known as the Muscatine Academy of Science, and prepared a number of manuscripts on various subjects. He was for many years a member of the First Congregational church, also of the Masonic order, and the Old Settlers Society. Active and energetic, he was unassuming, kind-hearted, and of a social disposition, contributing his share toward charitable projects and such public enterprises as he thought were for the best interests of the city. He was considered a man of unusually clear and sound judgment, and upon business and public affairs his advice was valued by his associates.

HERMAN HUCHENDORF.

Muscatine possesses advantages as a city of homes that are recognized by many who have here established their permanent residence. Among this number is Herman Huchendorf, living retired at No. 917 Oak street. By years of industry he acquired a competence and is now enjoying at leisure the fruit of his labors. He is a native of Kolmar, Prussia, born July 20, 1849, and is a son of Jacob and Anna (Pietz) Huchendorf, both of whom were born in Germany. The

father was a stone-mason and contractor, and was a man of high standing in the community. He departed this life in 1887 at the age of sixty-nine years. The mother died in 1874, aged fifty-four years. Three children constituted their family: Herman; Augusta, the wife of Fritz Kruger, of Rattay, Germany; and Otilge, the wife of William Rosenau, of Cristenchen, Germany.

The subject of this review grew up under the kindly protection of a happy home and was educated in his native land. At fourteen years of age he began learning the miller's trade and in 1867, like thousands of young men in Germany who seek their fortune in other climes, he came to America, stopping at Wanatah, Indiana. Conditions not being entirely satisfactory there, he decided to travel further west, locating at Pine Mills, Muscatine county, Iowa, where he purchased the Pine Creek Mill, and for twenty-five years engaged in custom milling, gaining a wide reputation on account of the excellence of the work that he turned out. In 1893 he took up his residence in Muscatine but after a short stay went to Durant and built a mill which he conducted for ten years. In 1904 he sold out and established his permanent residence in Muscatine.

On the 9th of February, 1872, Mr. Huchendorf was united in marriage to Miss Mary Funk, who was born at Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa, June 27, 1852. She is a daughter of Daniel and Barbara (Blessing) Funk, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. They were early settlers of Cedar county but removed to Sweetland township, Muscatine county, in 1859. Here the father died in 1887, the mother being called away fourteen years later, at the age of sixty-nine years. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Huchendorf was Abraham Funk. Her maternal grandfather died in Lisbon, Iowa. His wife was Elizabeth Blessing.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Huchendorf ten children have been born: Anna, now deceased, who married William Carter and was the mother of six children, Leonard, Floyd, Harold, Lavada, Hartzel and May; Mary, who married Henry Herlin, of Sweetland township, and is the mother of five children, Gail, Addie, John, Harry and Albert; Clinton, of Durant, Iowa, who married Rose Bierkamp and is the father of one child, Inez; Edith, now living at Durant, who married Rudolph Meyer and is the mother of one son, Ralph; Grace, also of Durant, who married Fred Denkmann and is the mother of two children, Richard and Mildred; Wilmette, who died at the age of nineteen years; Olive, at home; Clyde, of Greeley, Colorado; Herman, aged sixteen, also at home; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Huchendorf is prominently identified with the Masonic order, holding membership in Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Zarephath Consistory No. 4; and Kaaba Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. He and his wife also hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Politically Mr. Huchendorf is now allied with the republican party, although for a number of years he was a staunch advocate of democracy. He has never sought public office but served with great acceptance as township clerk in Montpelier township for seven years and also for several years as postmaster. He and his wife have reared a large family and by precept and example inculcated in their children those principles of diligence and perseverance that are so necessary in the accomplishment of any worthy object. Mr. Huchendorf started out in life for himself when eigh-

teen years of age among strangers with nothing to depend upon but his powerful constitution and an ambition that has never been dampened by obstacles. He forged his way to success and today is honored by a host of friends who recognize his manly qualities. His career is a splendid illustration of the possibilities of every young man who possesses the courage and the will to climb the ladder of attainment.

FRANK W. KASPER.

Frank W. Kasper, who for about four years has filled the position of night watchman of the water-works, was born in Austria, August 5, 1838. The first sixteen years of his life were spent in his native land in the home of his parents, Winsel and Anna (Schneider) Kasper. The mother died two years after her son Frank came to the new world. The father was a millwright of Austria and on selling out there went to Crimea, Russia, where he also followed milling. Later, however, he returned to his native country, where he died at the age of eighty-three years. In their family were four children, three sons and a daughter, two of whom came to the new world, Prokop Kasper, the brother of our subject, having crossed the Atlantic about five years ago, his home being now in North Dakota.

Frank W. Kasper was a lad of fourteen years when he came alone to the United States, making his way to Iowa City, Iowa. He worked in a boarding house at that place until April, 1855. At that time Iowa City was the state capital. He received only his board in compensation for his services and the following year he left Iowa City for Muscatine, where he has since made his home with the exception of a period of four years spent in the army. He had a hard time to secure a position here as he had no guardian in this country. After two months spent at any labor that he could secure he began learning the trade of a machinist, but at the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting on the 24th of April, 1861, as a member of Company C, Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, joining the command at Davenport in response to President Lincoln's first call. He served for three years until July, 1864, and then returned to Muscatine, where he resumed work at his trade, but on the 11th of October, 1864, he again enlisted in the same company and regiment and continued at the front until the war was ended and victory crowned the Union. He participated in Sherman's march to the sea and also took part in the grand review, where the Union troops marched through the streets of Washington amid cheering thousands—the most celebrated military pageant ever seen on the western hemisphere. At his last enlistment he went to the front as a substitute, receiving one thousand dollars for his services. At Davenport, he was honorably discharged on the 12th of July, 1865. During the term of his first enlistment he was wounded in the left shoulder of Fort Donelson on the 16th of February, 1862, and on the 4th of October of the same year, he was wounded in the left leg by a minie ball at Corinth, Mississippi. Now because of old age he is granted a pension of fifteen dollars per month.

Mr. Kasper followed his trade in Muscatine in the employ of the Hershey Lumber Company for twenty-one years and also worked at the United States arsenal at Rock Island for three years. His wife died seven years ago and Mr. Kasper then gave up his position at Rock Island and returned to Muscatine, where the family had remained all the time. He is now night watchman at the water-works, having filled the position for three and a half years. Since 1866 he has resided at his present home at No. 511 East Third street, having erected a brick house which he now occupies.

Mr. Kasper was married in Galena, Illinois, in October, 1866, to Miss Sophia Reinhart, who was born in Illinois in 1842 and died in Muscatine, October 11, 1903. They became the parents of eight children: Anna, the wife of Michael Hess, of Davenport; Lizzie, the wife of George Meyer, of the same city; Frank, of Muscatine; Minnie, the wife of Charles Harper, of Bayfield, Iowa; Joseph, at home; Catharine, the wife of Ben Shull, of Davenport; Mary and Nettie, both at home.

Mr. Kasper is a member of the Mechanics Aid Society and also belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Grand Army of the Republic. He was likewise a member of the Hershey volunteer fire department for twenty-two years. In politics he is independent and his religious faith is that which has its seat at the vatican, for he belongs to St. Mary's Catholic church and is also a member of St. Joseph's Society. He is well known in Muscatine, where he has long made his home. Whatever success he has achieved or enjoyed is attributable to his own efforts, for when he first came to Iowa, landing at Iowa City, he had but one dollar and sixty-five cents. He has ever been an honorable and upright man, and his well spent life has commanded for him the confidence and high regard of all who know him.

JUDGE DOUGLAS V. JACKSON.

With a mind preeminently of judicial cast, capable of an impartial view of both sides of a question and of arriving at a just conclusion, Judge Douglas V. Jackson has made an enviable record as the presiding officer of the district court and is leaving a most creditable impress upon the judicial history of the state. He makes his home in Muscatine, his native city, his birth having here occurred November 17, 1859.

His parents were Peter and Christiana (Sinclair) Jackson. The father, a native of Scotland, was born April 30, 1816, and spent his youthful days in the town of Keith. Attracted by the favorable reports which he had heard concerning America, he crossed the Atlantic in 1837 when twenty-one years of age and spent the summer in New York. He then made his way to Muscatine in 1838, finding here a small village upon the western frontier. He purchased a lot and made arrangements to establish a permanent home in this city, which he did in March, 1839. He was first connected with the business interests of Muscatine as a clerk in the store of Adam Ogilvie in the winter of 1840-41. His business ability was recognized by his employer, who admitted him to a partnership and in addi-

tion to conducting a general mercantile enterprise they also engaged in the commission and forwarding business, being agent for one of the packet companies and likewise made pork packing a branch of their undertaking, packing the first pork in this section of the state. In 1845 Mr. Ogilvie retired, Mr. Jackson continuing the business alone until the spring of 1856, when he disposed of his mercantile interests, confining his attention to the other lines. His ambition and energy, however, sought scope in other fields and in the spring of 1865 he joined with several prominent business men of Muscatine in organizing the Merchants Exchange Bank, which in the following November was reorganized under the national banking system as the First National Bank, of which Mr. Jackson became the first president. Later he retired from that position but continued as cashier for fourteen years, or until January, 1879, when he ceased to be an active factor in the management of the bank although retaining his stock. The last ten years of his life were spent in retirement from all lines of business but he never ceased to feel a deep interest in the welfare and progress of his community and to the extent of his power cooperated in movements for the general good. At one time he was secretary of the Old Settlers Association and was very prominent among the early residents of this part of the state. In 1857, in Canada, he married Miss Christiana Sinclair and unto them were born four children: Douglas V.; Charles P., of Muscatine; Anna Mabel, the deceased wife of H. M. Patton, formerly of Muscatine but now of Des Moines; and one who died in infancy. He also had a son, George B. Jackson, born of a former marriage. The death of Peter Jackson occurred in 1901 when he was eighty-five years of age, and he is still survived by his wife, who has reached the age of seventy-seven years. Both were devoted members of the Methodist church. Mrs. Jackson is a daughter of Archibald Sinclair, a native of Scotland, who on emigrating to Canada had established his home near Toronto.

Judge Jackson was reared in Muscatine and his present home stands in the same block in which he was born. He is indebted to the public-school system for the early educational privileges which he enjoyed and then, entering the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, completed the course with the class of 1879. In preparation for his profession he entered the law department of the Iowa State University and was graduated in 1881. Admitted to the bar in the same year, he has practiced continuously in Muscatine and was a member of the firm of Titus & Jackson from 1886 until his election as judge of the district court in 1902. He has since sat upon the bench and has recently been reelected. He has much natural ability but is withal a hard student and in private practice was never contented until he had mastered every detail of his cases. He was never surprised at some unexpected discovery by an opposing lawyer, for in his mind he weighed every point and fortified himself as well for defense as for attack. His record as a judge is in harmony with his record as a man and a lawyer, distinguished by unswerving fidelity to duty and a masterful grasp of every problem presented for solution. While in active practice and on the bench he has won well earned fame and distinction.

On the 14th of September, 1885, Judge Jackson was married to Miss Alberta Jarvis, a native of Florence, Alabama, and a daughter of Charles A. and Miranda (Woodin) Jarvis. Their children are Robert Sinclair and Louis Douglas, at

home; and Margaret, who died in infancy. The elder son is now pursuing his education in the State University at Iowa City, while the younger son is a high-school student.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the Judge is serving as a trustee and in the various departments of church work they take an active and helpful interest. He also belongs to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; to Washington chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; to Webb Council, R. & S. M.; and to the Knights of Pythias lodge. His political indorsement has always been given to the republican party and in 1895 he was elected states attorney but at the close of his term declined renomination. There is an interesting military chapter in his life record, in that he was colonel of the Fiftieth Iowa Volunteers at the time of the Spanish-American war, and he has been connected with the Iowa National Guard for many years, winning his way gradually from the ranks to the colonelcy. His business interests aside from his profession are represented in the vice presidency of the First National Bank. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life, enjoys outdoor sports and recreation and is president of the Geneva Country Golf Club. He is recognized as a man of well balanced character and abilities, and his talents have gained him preeminence in his chosen profession, while his strongly marked personal characteristics have won for him the warm friendship and kindly regard of those with whom he has been associated.

JACOB LORENZ.

Jacob Lorenz, now living in Muscatine, was for many years identified with building operations. He has, however, passed the eighty-third milestone on life's journey and in later years has enjoyed a well earned and well merited rest. He was born April 9, 1827, in Alsace, one of the provinces that has been contested territory between Germany and France for many centuries. It was a part of the French territory at the time of his birth, so that Mr. Lorenz is rather more of a Frenchman than a German. His parents were Michael and Catharine (Bas-tian) Lorenz, who spent their entire lives in their native country upon a farm. In their family were eight children, of whom Jacob was the third in order of birth and the only one who came to the United States.

In early life Jacob Lorenz learned the carpenter's trade, at which he worked for three years in Paris before coming to America, and was recognized as an expert in his chosen field of labor. In the year 1854 he started for America as a passenger on a sailing vessel bound for New Orleans. From that point he proceeded northward to Louisville, Kentucky, after a voyage of thirty-three days spent upon the water. This was considered a rather quick trip for the weather was good and there was nothing to retard their progress.

After about a year spent in Louisville Mr. Lorenz came to Muscatine in 1855 and has since made his home here, covering much more than a half century. He came alone to this country and has since been dependent upon his own efforts. In fact, he is a self-made man for at the age of fourteen years he left school and

began work at the carpenter's trade, which he followed continuously until 1880. He has aided in the erection of many buildings both in the city and surrounding country. He was regarded as a very good workman and therefore had no trouble commanding excellent wages, being preferred to many American workmen although his unfamiliarity with the language bothered him to a large extent in the early days of his residence here. Since 1880 he has given his time and attention to his vineyard and the manufacture of wine, owning fourteen acres of land at No. 950 Roscoe avenue, which is largely planted to grapes. The past few years, however, he has had to leave the work of this place largely to others, being unable to do anything. He has resided at his present home since 1869 and the place is regarded as one of the old landmarks of the city, where Mr. Lorenz is well known as a venerable and honored citizen.

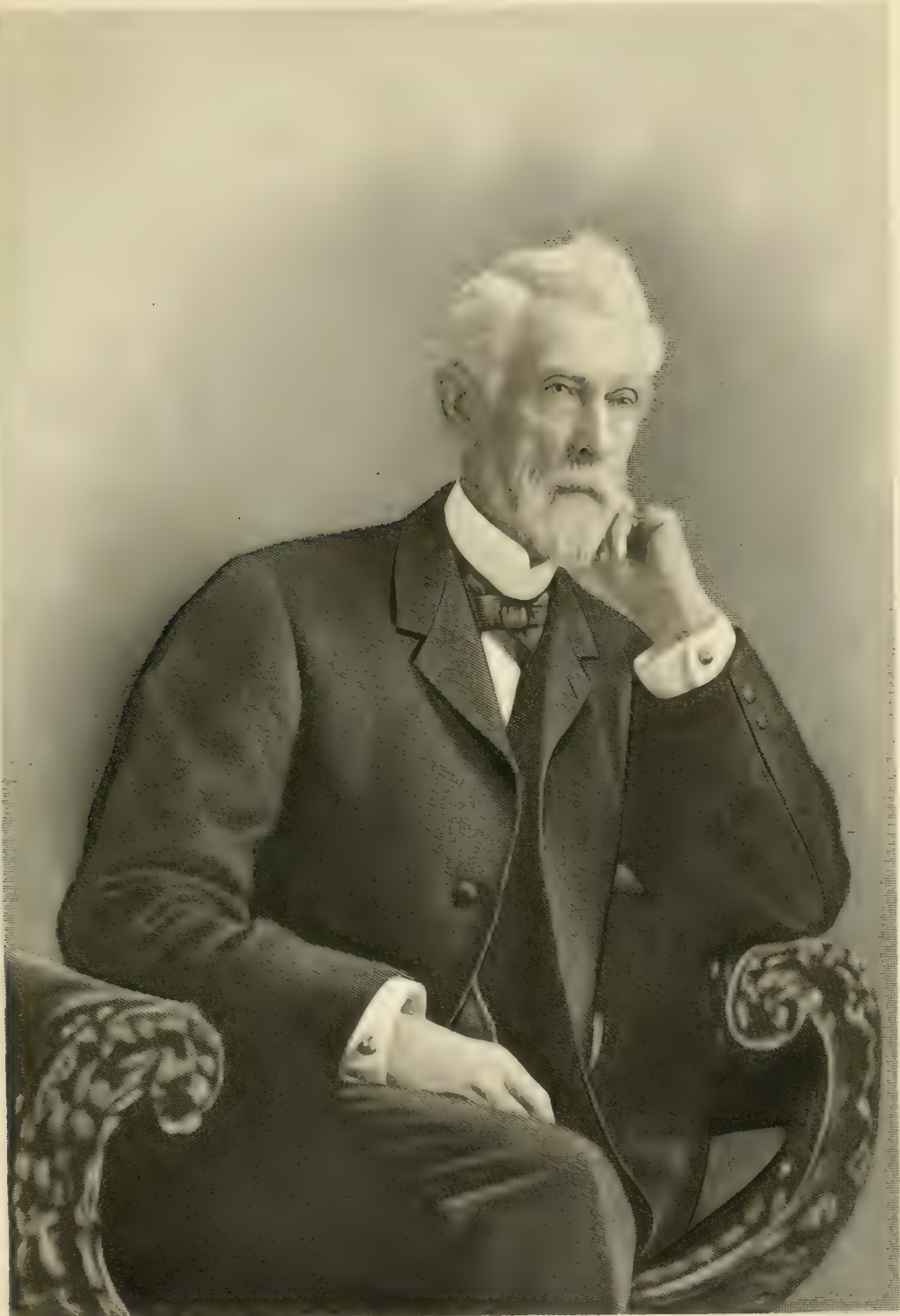
Mr. Lorenz was married in Muscatine in 1856 to Miss Christiana Krehe, who was born in Bavaria, June 26, 1836, and was brought to the United States by her father, who was a widower at that time. They located in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1849, and three years later the family removed to Iowa. Her parents were George and Sabina (Daut) Krehe, and the father, who was a physician and for many years followed his profession, died in Jefferson county, Iowa. He had seven children, all of whom came to the new world with him. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz have been born eight children: Emil, at home; Carl, who died at the age of forty years; Louise, who died at the age of thirty-five years; Anna, who passed away at the age of sixteen; Rosalia, the wife of John Wendinger, of Muscatine; Emma, the wife of George Overhouse, of Muscatine; Minnie, the wife of Jacob Toussaint, of South Bend, Indiana; and Bertha, the wife of M. Whitmore, of Muscatine.

During a residence of fifty-five years in this city Jacob Lorenz has witnessed much of its growth and development. He has become widely known and while he has not sought to figure prominently in public affairs, his well spent life, honorable activities and devotion to duty have gained him the high regard and affection of Muscatine's residents.

HON. JEROME DE WITT CARSKADDAN.

In early youth making choice of a profession in which advancement must depend entirely upon individual merit and ability, Hon. Jerome De Witt Carskaddan gradually worked his way upward until long since he gained a place among the foremost lawyers of eastern Iowa—a position which he has ever maintained, for in his professional career he has been a constant and thorough student of the fundamental principles of the science of the law. Into other fields of labor he has also directed his energies and successful accomplishment has resulted because of his close application, his executive force and initiative spirit.

The family name indicates the Scotch ancestry of the Carskaddans. The line is traced back direct to Robert Carskaddan who was born in Scotland, and on coming to the new world settled first at Nova Scotia. Subsequently he re-



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oved to Rhode Island and afterward became a resident of New York. In the Revolutionary war among the patriot forces there was a Robert Carskaddan and his three sons, William, Robert, Jr., and Thomas, who enlisted from Ulster county, New York. The paternal grandfather of Jerome D. Carskaddan was Robert Carskaddan, who was born near Newburgh, New York, and in early life engaged in the manufacture of spinning wheels, while later he turned his attention to farming. He married Cornelia Ziele, who was of Holland Dutch descent, and a daughter of John Ziele, who was a captain in the second regiment of the Ulster county militia and also a soldier in the French and Indian war. He was captured by Indians and taken to Canada, but escaped and made his way home. His daughter, Cornelia, became the wife of Robert Carskaddan, and both died at an advanced age, the grandfather of our subject passing away when eighty-seven years of age, while his wife died in her eighty-fifth year. Their family numbered nine children; John, Elizabeth, Catherine, Ziele, Thomas, Harvey, Harriet, Diana and David. The last named died in childhood.

Of this family Harvey Carskaddan was born in New York and there learned the tanner and currier's trade, after which he conducted a tannery near Durhamville, New York. Later, however, he turned his attention to merchandising and the transportation business on the lakes. He removed to Black Rock, Erie county, New York, and thence went to Buffalo. During the last twenty-five or thirty years of his life, however, he was engaged in farming in Madison county, New York, near the old home of his father. He wedded Susan Barker, likewise a native of the Empire state. Her father, however, was a native of Connecticut and of English stock and was a farmer by occupation. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Carskaddan were members of the Universalist church, his death occurring in 1880, when he was eighty years of age, and his wife, surviving him for two years, also passed away at the age of eighty. They were the parents of four children: Jerome D.; Clarence, who is now practicing law in Oneida, New York; Myron, who died at the age of twenty-two years; and Ada, who died at the age of fourteen years.

The birth of Jerome De Witt Carskaddan occurred near Seneca Falls, in Seneca county, New York, November 6, 1829. His parents appreciated the value of education and he gladly availed himself of the opportunities that were afforded him of supplementing his early intellectual training by study in Hamilton College, of Clinton, New York, from which he was graduated in 1851. He was a classmate there and close friend of the late Charles Dudley Warner. Determining upon a professional career and choosing the practice of law as his life work, he began reading in the office and under the direction of Sloan & Shoecraft, of Oneida, New York, remaining in their office until admitted to the bar at a general term of the supreme court of New York held early in 1853. He at once sought the opportunities of the growing middle west and coming to Iowa, established his home and opened an office in Muscatine. Taking up his abode here, he determined to drop the use of his middle name and has since been known as Jerome Carskaddan. For fifty-seven years he has been an active factor in the life of the city, leaving the impress of his individuality upon its legal interests, its financial and other activities. In January, 1854, he joined T. M. Williams, a son of the Hon. Joseph Williams, in purchasing the Demo-

crat-Inquirer, which he edited and published at Muscatine for two years. He entered upon the practice of law in 1856 as a partner of the late E. H. Thayer, the business relation between them being maintained until Mr. Thayer was elected to the bench of the county court in 1857. In the same year Mr. Carskaddan was chosen prosecuting attorney of Muscatine county, which office he acceptably filled for two terms. He was then chosen for judicial honors, being elected county judge in 1861 and filling the office until June, 1864, when he resigned, although his service on the bench had given entire satisfaction, his judicial decisions "winning him golden opinions from all sorts of people." In December, 1863, he entered into partnership with the late Judge De Witt C. Richman, and they were associated for about fifteen years, this being regarded as one of the strongest law firms of eastern Iowa until its dissolution through the election of Mr. Richman to the circuit bench.

Mr. Carskaddan was afterward alone in practice until September 1, 1896, when he was joined by William D. Burk in a partnership that remained without change until January, 1906, when I. S. Pepper joined the firm under the style of Carskaddan, Burk & Pepper. That firm continued until the death of Mr. Burk in 1908, since which time the firm has been Carskaddan & Pepper. Mr. Carskaddan and his partners have represented the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company in Muscatine county since 1863. He is a lawyer of marked ability whose cases have ever been prepared with great thoroughness and care, while his broad legal learning is recognized in the readiness with which he brings precedent and principle to bear upon his cases. He is and has been since March 6, 1894, president of the Muscatine Savings Bank, now the First Trust & Savings Bank; is president of the Van Nostrand Saddlery Company, and is connected with several other local enterprises which profit by his keen business discernment and powers of organization.

Judge Carskaddan has long been recognized as an influential factor in republican circles. He drew up the platform of the first republican convention ever held in Muscatine county, which was probably the first county convention of the party ever held in the state. He became an advocate of republican principles at the time the party was organized, his first vote being cast for Fremont and Dayton in 1856. In all the intervening years he has never wavered in his allegiance to the high principles for which the party has stood, yet he never countenances for a moment the methods which seek to make a party organization a tool for individual service and profit.

On the 1st of May, 1854, Judge Carskaddan was united in marriage to Miss Marilla Brown, a daughter of Clark and Julia (Babcock) Brown, of Morrisville, Madison county, New York. It was there that Mrs. Carskaddan was born and her parents were also natives of the Empire state, in which they spent their entire lives. They had a family of seven children: Edwin, Harvey, Le Roy, Adelia, Marilla, Maria and Rosalia. By her marriage Mrs. Carskaddan became the mother of a son and daughter: Paul, who was born April 14, 1861, and whose promising youth was cut short by death when he was about fifteen years of age, on November 27, 1875, on which day he was drowned in Muscatine slough while skating in company with a schoolmate, William Robertson; and Gertrude, now the wife of William F. Bishop, president of the Hawkeye

Pearl Button Company, of Muscatine. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop have a son, Jerome Carskaddan Bishop, who has completed his sophomore year in Cornell University.

Unpretentious in bearing, cordial and genial in manner, Judge Carskaddan is nevertheless recognized as one of the eminent members of the Iowa bar, whose prominence, however, is none the less the result of an irreproachable private life than of professional ability.

JOHN T. NESTER.

John T. Nester, proprietor of a popular blacksmith and repair shop in Muscatine, was born in this city, December 26, 1856. He is a son of John and Afra (Bengele) Nester. The father was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to the United States in 1847, stopping for several years at Toledo, Ohio. Being attracted to the west, he came to Davenport, Iowa, where he lived for one year, and in 1853 or 1854 located in Muscatine. He was a blacksmith by trade and was considered one of the best in his line in Muscatine. About 1898, on account of failing health, he withdrew from active work and in 1902 was called from earthly scenes. He was buried in St. Mary's cemetery. The mother of our subject was also a native of Germany. She was married in Ohio and died in this city in 1897. There were eight children in the family: Mary Margaret, deceased; John T., our subject; Mary Elizabeth and Charles, both deceased; Andrew J., of Muscatine; Theresa R., now a Sister of the Order of St. Francis and living at Roselle, Iowa; Joseph, deceased; and Mary A., the wife of Anton Myers, of Muscatine.

John T. Nester was educated in the common schools and at Snively's Business College at Muscatine: As a boy he spent a great deal of time in his father's shop and became thoroughly familiar with the trade to which his father devoted his life. After laying aside his books he worked in the shop and became a partner of his father, assuming the entire responsibility when the latter retired. The shop was originally located on Seventh street, but later moved to Third and Walnut streets and in 1868 to 311 Mulberry avenue, where work has since been carried on. The first button factory was started in his shop in 1891. Mr. Nester was the originator of the first saw for the button factory—the same pattern being in use at the present time. He also originated the first saw set and shell tongs and is the only steel worker in the city. He is a man of considerable originality and has displayed a great deal of skill in various kinds of steel work. He is the owner of his shop and also of the fine residence in which he lives.

In 1886 Mr. Nester was married to Miss Matilda Gonsman. Nine children have come to bless their home: Afra Margaret; Joseph A.; John M., a stenographer at the United States arsenal at Rock Island, Illinois; Matilda; Lewis; Rosalie; Andrew; Agnes; and Cecelia, deceased. Six of the children are living at home.

Mr. Nester has from his boyhood been accustomed to work and has always applied himself earnestly, thereby accomplishing a great deal more than in the case of one who is not thoroughly interested in his daily occupation. By conscientious discharge of his duties he has built up a fine reputation and a lucrative business. He and his wife are members of St. Mary's church. Politically he affiliates with the democratic party. He holds membership in St. Joseph's Beneficiary lodge and the Iowa Protective Association, and is also connected with the Maennerchor, the Turners, the German American Alliance and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The esteem in which he is held by his associates is indicated by the fact that he is president of the Maennerchor and of the German American Alliance and has held various offices in other organizations.

JACOB FISCH.

Jacob Fisch, whose demise occurred in Muscatine on the 27th of February, 1907, was long numbered among the most prominent and prosperous residents of the city and was for many years actively identified with business interests as the proprietor of a hardware store. His birth occurred in Hessen-Cassel, Germany, on the 23d of November, 1835, his parents being George and Elizabeth (Mark) Fisch, who were likewise natives of that country. The father, who was a wagon-maker by trade, followed that occupation in Germany. About 1843 he brought his family to the new world, locating on a tract of government land near Wilton, Muscatine county, Iowa. There he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits throughout the remainder of his life, dying of typhoid fever when past middle age. A few days later his wife also died of the same disease. They reared a family of four sons: John, Conrad, Michael and Jacob.

The last named grew to manhood on his father's farm in this county and attended the country schools in the acquirement of an education. After his father's demise he came to Muscatine and secured employment as a clerk in the hardware store of Mr. Moore. Subsequently he embarked in business as a hardware merchant on his own account and conducted an enterprise of that character for many years, enjoying an extensive and profitable trade. His straightforward business methods and reliability won him the unqualified confidence of his fellowmen and he was widely recognized as one of the substantial and respected citizens of Muscatine.

On the 22d of October, 1855, Mr. Fisch was joined in wedlock to Miss Martha Huckey, who was born in Germany on the 2d of May, 1839, her parents being Jacob and Catharine (Dibble) Huckey. Her paternal grandfather, George Huckey, was a farmer by occupation and both he and his wife passed away in Germany. Their children were as follows: John, who is deceased; Jacob; Conrad; Elizabeth; and Martha. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Fisch likewise followed farming as a life work and died in Germany.

The parents of Mrs. Fisch crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1844, when she was a little maiden of five years, locating near Wilton, Muscatine county, Iowa, where her father devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits. He was about seventy-two years old when called to his final rest, while his wife, who survived him, lived to attain the age of seventy-eight. They were the parents of three sons and four daughters, all of whom grew to maturity, namely: Catharine, the wife of Barney Biel; Adam; Martha, the widow of Jacob Fisch; John; Conrad; Elizabeth, deceased, who was the wife of John Schaumberg, who has also passed away; and Mary, the wife of James Smith, of Nebraska. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fisch were born five children, as follows: Charles A., who wedded Miss Charlotte A. Parr; Henry W., who married Miss Vera Stribbling; George B., who made Miss Tillie Feustel his wife; Emma Elizabeth, who gave her hand in marriage to Thomas Cherry, a shoe merchant of Muscatine; and Carrie Lilly, the wife of David Bogard, a clothier of Muscatine.

Mr. Fisch acted as a deacon in the German Evangelical church, of which he was a devoted and consistent member and to which his widow also belongs. On the 27th of February, 1907, he departed this life. He had gained an extensive acquaintance during the long period of his residence here and his demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His widow, who still survives him and has now lived within the borders of Muscatine county for two-thirds of a century, resides at No. 201 East Fourth street and has a host of warm friends in this community.

EDMOND B. FULLIAM, M. D.

Careful and thorough preliminary preparation well qualify Dr. Edmond B. Fulliam for active practice and in the intervening years in which he has devoted his attention to the duties of the profession, he has gained recognition as a most able, conscientious and successful physician and surgeon. He has his residence and office at No. 317 East Third street in Muscatine, his native city.

He was born March 10, 1854, and is a son of Dr. George W. and Elizabeth (Van Natta) Fulliam, natives of Virginia and of Pennsylvania respectively. The father was reared upon a farm in the Old Dominion and when a young man made his way westward to Nauvoo, Illinois, residing there at the time the Mormons marched out to enter upon the conquest of the broad and fertile valleys around Salt Lake. Later Dr. G. W. Fulliam became a resident of Wapello, Iowa, and in 1847 arrived in Muscatine, where his remaining days were passed. He began the practice of medicine in Nauvoo and for over a half century was a valued and honored member of the profession in this city. He possessed not only scientific skill but also broad sympathy and his cheery presence was a factor in his success in the sick room. He was twice married, his first wife being Eliza Jane Morford, by whom he had two daughters: Mrs. Sultana Bartlett, of Muscatine; and Eliza Jane, the wife of the Rev. F. F. Bond, of Philadelphia. Following the death of his first wife Dr. Fulliam wedded Elizabeth

Van Natta, and unto them were born eight children: Charles, deceased; Edmond B., of this review; Stonewall J., of this city; William, who makes his home in St. Joseph, Missouri; Jefferson D., a practicing physician of Muscatine; George, deceased; Belle, who was a deaconess of one of the prominent churches of New York city but is now deceased; and Etta, the wife of Crawford Johnson, of Norristown, Pennsylvania. The death of the father occurred in 1893 when he was seventy-two years of age, and the mother passed away in 1889 at the age of fifty-three years, in the faith of the Congregational church, of which she had long been a devoted member.

Edmond B. Fulliam spent his youthful days in his parents' home in Muscatine, attended the public and high schools and thus established a good foundation upon which to rest his professional knowledge. His interest in the practice of medicine was incited in his early boyhood days through the example of his father and after completing his literary course he attended Rush Medical College of Chicago and the Bennett Medical College of the same city, being graduated from the latter with the class of 1879. He has since practiced in Muscatine and his ability is widely recognized in the liberal patronage accorded him. He has always kept in close touch with the progress of the profession, his reading and research making him familiar with the advanced ideas that are bringing to light the hitherto hidden secrets of science. In many avenues of business, too, he has also operated extensively and successfully and to the benefit of the city at large as well as to himself. He was president of the company that brought the Muscatine North & South Railroad to this city, was president of the Muscatine Electric Light & Power Company and was also president of the starch factory that was established at Greeley, Colorado, but at the present time is concentrating his energies entirely upon his practice, which makes heavy demands upon his energies.

In 1884 occurred the marriage of Dr. Fulliam and Miss Mary Neyenhaus. They were the parents of four children: Edmond, who died in infancy; Hortense and Gertrude, both of whom graduated from the Muscatine high school and are now attending Oberlin College; and Edmond, the second of the name, who is pursuing a course in the University Medical College at Kansas City, Missouri. The mother of these children, Mrs. Mary (Neyenhaus) Fulliam, passed away June 21, 1905, and on the 7th of December, 1908, Dr. Fulliam was married to Miss Jeannette Nicola, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nicola, early residents of Nichols station, Mrs. Fulliam being the first child born there. She belongs to the Congregational church.

Dr. Fulliam is well known in fraternal relations as a Mason, Odd Fellow, Elk, Eagle and Red Man. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he is now the representative from the second Iowa district in the general assembly. He has also been honored with various local offices, served for five terms as mayor of Muscatine and as chief executive of the city his labors have been of material benefit in promoting reform, progress and improvement. During his first administration he laid the first brick paving in the city and also the first sewer pipe. He was city health physician for two years, was county physician for one term and was pension examiner under President Cleveland. In more

strictly professional lines he belongs to the Iowa State Eclectic Medical Society, serving as president of the same for three successive terms, and the National Eclectic Medical Society, and concentrating his energies upon his professional duties is recognized as one of the strongest and ablest members of the medical fraternity in Muscatine. He is now president of Loyola Medical Alumni, Bennett School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois. His life has been in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for the city of his nativity, which has been the place of his residence throughout his entire life, he has won the confidence, good-will, support and esteem of his fellowmen.

HENRY R. ALTEKRUSE.

Henry R. Altekruise, for many years prominently connected with the farming and stock-raising interests of Muscatine county and now living retired in the city of Muscatine, was born on a farm seven miles from Baltimore, in the state of Maryland, August 8, 1839. His parents, Rudolph and Sophia (Vo Dermark) Altekruise, were both born in Germany, and came to America soon after their marriage. The father worked on a farm in Maryland for some years and in 1840, believing that the west presented more favorable inducements than could be found elsewhere, located in the wilderness on the line of Seventy-six and Lake townships, Muscatine county, Iowa. Here he built a cabin of round logs, with clapboard roof and puncheon floor, and began as a pioneer to acquire financial independence. He was an industrious and economical man and in his wife found a highly capable assistant. After acquiring a competence he erected a comfortable frame dwelling, in which the family took up their home. Here he passed away February 12, 1891, his faithful companion having departed September 21, 1890. Their bodies were first deposited in a country cemetery but later were taken up and now repose in Greenwood cemetery at Muscatine. There were eight children in the family, of whom Sophia, William, Ernest, Samuel, Eliza and Mary are deceased, those still living being Henry R., our subject, and Rudolph J., a retired farmer who makes his home in Muscatine.

Henry R. Altekruise received his education in the common schools and grew up on the home farm. At thirty-eight years of age he was married and engaged in farming on section 35, Lake township, where he built a residence and a cattle barn, and also made numerous other improvements. He now owns one hundred and twenty acres of land in Lake township and twenty acres in Seventy-six township, making a fine farm of one hundred and forty acres. He is also the owner of the commodious residence in Muscatine to which he removed in June, 1910.

In 1877 Mr. Altekruise was united in marriage to Mrs. Sarah Matilda (Addleman) Buck, the widow of Ira Buck, by whom she had two children: Harry, now living in the southwestern part of Iowa; and Estella, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Altekruise three children have been born, all of whom are living: Ar-

thur J., a sketch of whom appears below; Emma, the wife of Chester McCabe, of Seventy-six township; and Ira B., a mechanical engineer of Moline, Illinois.

Mr. Altekruise was formerly a staunch democrat, but, having observed the evil effects of the saloon, he is now an ardent prohibitionist. He has never sought public office but for two years he served as trustee of Lake township with great acceptance to the tax-payers. He and his wife are worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal church and by their steadfast lives they have won a place in the esteem of all with whom they have come in contact.

Arthur J. Altekruise was born on the farm on which he now resides in Muscatine county, June 14, 1878. He received his preliminary education in the district schools and for two years was a student in the schools at Muscatine. Laying his books aside, he assumed responsibility upon the home farm and is now devoting his attention largely to feeding stock. He has a few shorthorn cattle and three trotting horses, being at the present time owner of eighty acres of land, although he cultivates two hundred and twenty acres. Having been thoroughly trained in farming under his father, he gives promise of gaining an enviable reputation in his chosen calling. In 1905 he was married to Miss Rebecca Miller, a daughter of Charles and Cynthia Miller, of Muscatine. Politically he is an independent democrat, and he has served one term as township trustee. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and fraternally he is connected with the Modern Brotherhood of America.

ABRAHAM SMALLEY.

When Iowa was under territorial rule, when its great broad prairies were largely covered with their native grasses, when deer and other wild game was to be had in abundance and when the Indians roamed at will over the vast stretches of the state, Abraham Smalley came to Muscatine. From that time until his death, which occurred sixty-four years later, he was numbered among the valued and representative residents of the county, his labors contributing in substantial measure to the material upbuilding and progress of this portion of the state.

A native of New Jersey, Mr. Smalley was born at Boundbrook in Somerset county, October 24, 1815. His parents were Andrew and Rhoda (Shepherd) Smalley, and he was a representative of one of the oldest families of New Jersey. The great-grandfather also bore the name of Abraham Smalley and was born in that state. Andrew Smalley was born in Middlesex county, New Jersey, May 22, 1795, and on the 23d of June, 1814, he married Rhoda Shepherd, a daughter of Thomas and Nella (Schenck) Shepherd. Mrs. Smalley was born in Monmouth county, New Jersey, April 9, 1797. In the year 1816 Andrew and Rhoda (Shepherd) Smalley removed westward to Ohio, settling near Cincinnati, while later they became residents of Carthage, Hamilton county, Ohio, where Andrew Smalley conducted a hotel and also acted as postmaster, although the duties of the postoffice were largely performed by his son Abraham. A few years later the father opened a general store and the son had the management of the business. In the month of August, 1838, Abraham Smalley left



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Ohio and made his way to what was then the territory of Iowa. In the township of Bloomington, Muscatine county, he purchased a claim for his father, and having thus made arrangements for a home for the family, they came to Iowa on the 18th of April, 1839. At that time the city of Muscatine was called Bloomington and was a mere trading post upon the western frontier. Not long after their arrival the father's health failed, and on the 3d of August, 1839, he passed away. His widow long survived him, her death occurring August 4, 1883, when she was eighty-six years of age. In their family were fourteen children, eleven of whom reached years of maturity: Abraham, Shepherd, Catharine, Tylee, Jane, John, Andrew J., William, Henry, Rhoda and Emeline.

Owing to the early death of the father, the responsibility of providing for the family fell upon Abraham Smalley, the eldest child. For several years he had the management of family affairs, and bravely bore the cares and labors that thus devolved upon him. His life was one of untiring industry and perseverance guided by intelligence, and integrity also stood as an unquestioned fact in his business career. In 1843 he began the manufacture of fanning mills and plows at Muscatine and afterward erected a mill at the corner of Third and Cherry streets, where he engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds. He was thus closely associated with the industrial interests of the city, and his enterprise proved not only a source of profit to himself, but also of benefit to the community, in that it furnished employment to a number of workmen. He also engaged in the manufacture of cultivators on a large scale for those times, the output amounting to over five hundred machines each year. These were hauled into the country and sold from wagons, and the fanning mills were likewise disposed of in the same way. For twelve years Mr. Smalley conducted a prosperous business along that line, but sold out in 1855 and began dealing in real estate. The following year, with the firm of Green & Stone and Jacob Butler, he laid out the town of South Muscatine and subsequently laid out Musserville, which now forms a part of that city. He also laid out a second and third addition to South Muscatine, and his business activities in this line proved a substantial element in the growth and progress of the county. Mr. Smalley well deserves to be numbered among the pioneer business men who laid broad and deep the foundation upon which the later development and growth of Muscatine county has been built.

On the 26th of May, 1850, was celebrated the marriage of Abraham Smalley and Miss Sicha W. Nichols, who was born December 29, 1820, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth (Dawson) Nichols. There were three children of that marriage: David, Imogene and George W. After traveling life's journey happily together for ten years, Mr. and Mrs. Smalley were separated in the death of the wife, who passed away April 27, 1860, at the age of thirty-nine years, three months and twenty-seven days. The elder son died on the 2d of May, 1866, at the age of fourteen years, nine months and eleven days, and the daughter's death occurred May 7, 1873, when she had reached the age of twenty years, one month and fifteen days. The younger son, George W., grew to manhood and was married May 6, 1885, to Mary B. Lewis, by whom he had five children, namely: Rhoda S., Walter L., Allan G., Ralph M. and Abraham. George W. died on the 8th of October, 1910, at the age of fifty-three years.

For his second wife, Mr. Smalley chose Miss Eliza E. Mathis, whom he wedded on the 6th of June, 1861. She was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, July 27, 1826, and came to Iowa in 1858 with her parents, Micajah and Ann (Gamage) Mathis. The children of this marriage are: Esther M., the wife of Joseph W. Eells, a well known lawyer of Muscatine; and Harry E., of Vicksburg, Mississippi, who was married September 19, 1894, to Edna McElravy, of West Liberty, Iowa, to whom a son was born, William Abraham. For his second wife, Harry Smalley wedded Ella Hawkins, of Jackson, Mississippi, on the 21st of April, 1901, and they have two children, Riva and Esther. The death of Mrs. Eliza E. Smalley occurred June 26, 1901, when she was in her seventy-fifth year. Mr. Smalley survived for only a few months and passed away March 13, 1902, in his eighty-seventh year. The father of Mrs. Smalley was a son of Daniel and Phoebe Mathis and in early manhood wedded Ann Gamage. Both lived to a ripe old age, and they reared a family of four daughters and a son: Phoebe, Harriet C., Anna Maria, Eliza E. and Theophilus S.

For a number of years prior to his death Mr. Smalley was regarded as one of the revered patriarchs of the community. He was one of the first settlers here and not only did he make for himself a prominent position in business circles, but was also a man of considerable influence in connection with the public life of the community. He held the office of clerk of the board of county commissioners when Iowa was a territory, and for three years served on the school board. His early political allegiance was given to the democratic party and when the republican party was formed to prevent the further extension of slavery into the north he joined its ranks and continued one of its earnest advocates until his demise. His particular method of selling real estate was to dispose of it on terms so easy that poor people could secure homes without feeling the burden of indebtedness. This plan led to the building of hundreds of homes in South Muscatine and Musserville. This was but one instance of the broad humanitarian spirit which ever characterized him and made him one of the most highly respected business men of the city. He was always willing to extend a helping hand to those who needed assistance and his kindly spirit was again and again manifest in many tangible ways. For a long period he occupied a central place on the stage of action in Muscatine county and no history of this part of the state would be complete without extended mention of one who was so widely known and honored.

HENRY SCHWALM.

Henry Schwalm, who departed this life in Muscatine, in December 23, 1900, will be remembered as one of the representative citizens of Teutonic ancestry who selected Iowa as their home and in this state accomplished a work that could have been performed only under extreme difficulties in the old world. He was born at Guttenburg, Germany, October 16, 1831. Upon reaching manhood he determined to seek his fortune elsewhere and in 1851 came to America, locating for a time at Cincinnati. In 1855 he was attracted to Muscatine and opened a

blacksmith shop in this city, continuing until 1877, when he turned his attention to agriculture and engaged in farming in Bloomington township, Muscatine county, for twenty years. His original farm consisted of sixty acres but he was industrious and fortunate in everything he undertook and the money he made he invested in land, ultimately becoming the owner of three hundred acres, which he brought to a high degree of cultivation. He took up his residence in Muscatine in 1897 and here continued until his death.

In 1853, at Cincinnati, Mr. Schwalm was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Eppinger, who was born at Wittenberg, Germany, December 15, 1823, and died in Muscatine county in 1880. There were four children by that union: William, Lena, John and Henry. In 1880 Mr. Schwalm was again married, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Catherine (Switzer) Dilchert, who was born in Reichenbach, Germany, and came to the United States in 1868, locating in Muscatine, where in 1870 she was married to Henry Dilchert, who was also a native of Reichenbach, Germany. Of this marriage four children were born: George, Fred, Henry, and one who died in infancy. Four children also came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schwalm; Ella, Minnie, Anna and Wesley.

Mr. Schwalm was a supporter of the candidates and principles of the republican party but did not devote much attention to politics, as his interest was taken up principally with his family and his business affairs. He was reared in the faith of the Evangelical church but after coming to Muscatine became identified with the Congregational denomination. As a citizen he held a prominent position in the community and for years he was recognized as one of the most successful agriculturists and stock-raisers. Mrs. Schwalm is a lady of excellent qualities and has many friends in Muscatine. She is the owner of the farm where her husband lived for many years but makes her home in the beautiful family residence at No. 1111 Mulberry avenue, Muscatine.

JOHN C. WILSON.

John C. Wilson, a successful shoe merchant of Muscatine, his store being at No 127 East Second street, has been engaged in the sale of shoes here for the past thirty-seven years. His birth occurred in Verner's Bridge, County Armagh, Ireland, on the 15th of May, 1854, his parents being John and Marie (Courtney) Wilson, who were likewise natives of the Emerald isle and were of English and Scotch descent respectively. William Wilson, the paternal grandfather, was born in England and was a butcher by trade. His wife, who bore the maiden name of 'Ann Long, was of Scotch lineage. They died in Ireland and were buried at New Mills, County Tyrone, William Wilson being seventy-four years old at the time of his death, while his wife attained the age of seventy-one. Their children were eleven in number, as follows: William, Edward, Christopher, John, James, Jane, Ann, Margaret, Marie, Eliza and one who died in infancy. Christopher Courtney, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Scotland and in early life accompanied his parents on their removal to Ireland, being reared to manhood in County Armagh. He followed farming and stock-

raising throughout his active business career and passed away in County Armagh at the venerable age of ninety-one years. Unto him and his wife were born five children, namely: Sarah, Margaret, Robert, Marie and Thomas.

John Wilson, the father of John C. Wilson, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1874 and made his way direct to Louisa county, Iowa, settling on a farm which he had purchased prior to his arrival in this state. He was successfully engaged in business as a farmer and stock-raiser during his active life and at one time owned five farms in Louisa county, which went to his children. From 1891 until their death the parents made their home with John C. in Muscatine. The father passed away October 7, 1908, and was buried at Letts, Iowa, on the ninety-fourth anniversary of his birth October 9. While still a resident of Ireland, in his younger days, he belonged to the militia known as the Yeomen or Home Guards. The demise of his wife occurred in 1901, when she was seventy-seven years of age. They were originally Episcopalians in religious faith but after coming to the United States joined the Methodist church, there being no church of the Episcopal denomination in their home locality. They reared a family of four children, as follows: Robert, who resides near Letts, Iowa; William, living in Letts, Iowa; John C., of this review; and Lizzie, the wife of John C. Neil, of Lyndon, Kansas.

John C. Wilson was reared on the home farm in County Armagh, Ireland, and obtained his education in the schools of that place. When fifteen years of age he began clerking in a general store at Tullyrone, being thus employed for three years and ten months. In 1873, when a young man of nineteen years, he set sail for the United States and on the 19th of August arrived in Muscatine, Iowa. He at once began clerking in the same building where he now conducts business on his own account, selling shoes for W. H. Stewart. On the 1st of June, 1895, he formed a partnership with T. W. Cherry and the two gentlemen purchased the interests of T. S. Stewart. This relation was maintained with mutual pleasure and profit until April, 1901, when Mr. Cherry retired, since which time Mr. Wilson has been the sole proprietor of the establishment. With the exception of two years spent upon the road, he has sold shoes in Muscatine for a period of thirty-seven years. His record in this connection is a most creditable one, for he has worked his way steadily upward from a humble clerkship to a position among the prosperous and enterprising merchants of the city. He is likewise identified with other business enterprises of Muscatine and is widely recognized as a substantial and representative citizen.

On the 28th of June, 1881, in New York city, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Cherry, a native of Tullyrone, Ireland, and a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Marie (Hall) Cherry. Her paternal grandparents, Robert and Ann (Rowe) Cherry, lived to attain a ripe old age. Thomas Cherry, the father of Mrs. Wilson, was a linen manufacturer of County Armagh and there acted as guardian of the poor for more than a quarter of a century. He shipped linen to America during the period of the Civil war and passed away at Warren Point, Ireland, when about eighty-six years of age. His wife, who survived him, was called to her final rest in 1904 at the age of seventy-seven years. Unto them were born eleven children, as follows: Mary, Ann Jane, Lizzie, Louisa, Adelaide, Thomas W., Moses, Caroline, Robert, Edith and one who died

in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson became the parents of four children: Marie, who wedded Lee L. Richards, by whom she had a son, Robert W.; Thomas W., who married Miss Genevieve Ellis and clerks for his father; Anna L., who gave her hand in marriage to Lee Richards Ashcraft; and Robert C., who is attending school. The wife and mother died in 1903, when forty-eight years of age, passing away in the faith of the Episcopal church.

Politically Mr. Wilson is a staunch republican, while religious faith he is an Episcopalian. He belongs to the Knights of Pythia, the Fraternal Bankers Reserve, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Brotherhood of America. His residence is at No. 124 West Third street and he is well and favorably known throughout the community. His life is exemplary in all respects and he has ever supported those interests which are calculated to uplift and benefit humanity, while his own high moral worth is deserving of the utmost commendation.

THOMAS DAVIDSON.

Thomas Davidson has for the past twenty years been successfully engaged in business at Muscatine as a dealer in confectionery, ice cream, fruits and tobacco. His place of business is at No. 321 Mulberry avenue, while his residence is at No. 909 East Sixth street. The city of Muscatine has been his home since the date of his birth, which was December 25, 1852. His parents, William and Mary (Dunn) Davidson, were natives of Ohio and Pennsylvania respectively. Thomas Davidson, the paternal grandfather, passed away in Ohio when well advanced in years. He was the father of quite a number of children. James Dunn, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Pennsylvania and a wagon maker by trade. Among his children were the following: John, Kimmel, Samuel, Joseph, Margaret and Mary.

William Davidson, the father of Thomas Davidson, was a carpenter by trade. About 1836 he took up his abode in Muscatine, Iowa, and here worked at his trade during the remainder of his active business career. He lived to attain the venerable age of ninety-two years, passing away in the faith of the Methodist church. His wife, who survived him for four years, was about eighty-four when called to her final rest. She was a Baptist in early womanhood but later joined the Presbyterian church. Unto this worthy couple were born eight children, five sons and three daughters. Six of the children grew to maturity, as follows: Zachary T., who is a resident of Acton, California; Sarah, who is the widow of Osmer Greeley and resides in Billings, Montana; Thomas, of this review; James, who is deceased; Ellsworth E., living in Muscatine; and Ida, the wife of Samuel Borger.

Thomas Davidson was reared in the city of his nativity and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. After putting aside his textbooks he went to work on a farm and later sold sewing machines for some years, while subsequently he was employed by the United States Express Company for eight years. For the past twenty years he has been engaged in business as a dealer

in confectionery and ice cream and has enjoyed a gratifying and well merited patronage.

On the 21st of June, 1896, Mr. Davidson was united in marriage to Mrs. Grace McManus, the widow of John McManus and a daughter of John J. and Susan (Wolfe) Kauffman, who were natives of Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Davidson was born in Keithsburg, Illinois. Her paternal grandfather, Tobias Kauffman, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and a farmer by occupation. He was more than eighty-six years of age when called to his final rest, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Nancy Johns, was forty-seven years old when she passed away. They were the parents of eleven children, three of whom are yet living, namely: Tobias, John J. and Abraham. Jacob Wolfe, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Davidson, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and followed carpentering throughout his active business career. He lived to attain the age of seventy-four years, while his wife, who was Miss Mary Edwards prior to her marriage, was eighty-two years old at the time of her demise. Unto them were born four daughters, one of whom yet survives—Mrs. Adeline Logan, of Keithsburg, Illinois. Unto John J. and Susan (Wolfe) Kauffman were born seven children, namely: Emma, the wife of William Wing; Edwin, Milton, William, Grace, the wife of our subject; Claude, and Mabel. By her first husband Mrs. Davidson had a daughter, Mabel, who gave her hand in marriage to J. N. Vedder, resides in Lagrange, Indiana, and is now the mother of one son, Chester Wayne Vedder.

Mr. Davidson gives his political allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. Having spent his entire life in this county, he is widely and favorably known here and has gained the warm esteem and regard of all with whom he has come in contact by reason of his upright and honorable career.

W. J. VANNATTA.

W. J. Vannatta, prominent among the enterprising citizens of Muscatine, is a native of this city and one of its large property owners. Very early in life he started out to win his fortune and although he has experienced many vicissitudes he never lost faith in ultimate victory. His ambition has been realized and today he enjoys a prosperity which is the result of undaunted perseverance and well directed industry.

He was born in Muscatine, May 16, 1855, and is the son of Calvin John and Margaret (Bennett) Vannatta. The father, a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, was of an adventurous disposition and ran away from home to take part in the war of 1812, serving as drummer boy. He was a natural frontiersman and became familiar with Indian life, learned their language, and early in the '30s, when he arrived in the region where Muscatine is now located, he became an interpreter for the Indians. When his companions were ready to depart they became very angry because he refused to go. Here he continued during the remainder of his life. He and Earl Thornton were appointed commissioners of

Muscatine county and all abstracts of land passed through their hands. He owned at one time a farm in Fruitland township where the German school now stands and for twenty-five years was a leader in the community. He departed this life January 17, 1857, at the age of sixty-three years. The mother of our subject was born in County Down, Ireland, and the parents were married in 1849. There were two children in the family, Nannie, who died at six years of age; and W. J., our subject. Calvin J. Vannatta was twice married, but there were no children by the first union.

W. J. Vannatta attended the Muscatine schools, although his education was quite limited as he began work at eight years of age in the John G. Stein hotel, known as the Pennsylvania House. As he grew up he secured employment as opportunity presented and at one time was connected with the Commercial Hotel in this city, which he now owns. He engaged as drayman and for seven years was identified with the old Cedar County saloon. Later he went to Horton, Kansas, where he engaged in the real-estate and insurance business for two years and from that point was attracted to Guthrie, Oklahoma, which was his place of residence for another period of two years. He then returned to Horton and subsequently to Muscatine, where for many years he has been prominently engaged in the manufacture of monuments, building up one of the largest enterprises of the kind in this part of the state. He has considerable real estate besides the Commercial Hotel. He was one of the original stockholders of the German-American Bank and has shown a capacity as a man of business that places him among the leaders in the city of Muscatine.

On October 2, 1879, Mr. Vannatta was united in marriage to Miss Etta Crane, who is a native of this city. They have one son, William D., who was born September 16, 1880, and has been associated with his father in the monument business. At the present time he is day clerk in the Commercial Hotel.

Mr. Vannatta upholds the principles of the democratic party but has never been an office seeker, although he served for two years to the general satisfaction of the citizens as chief of police of Muscatine. He holds membership in the Ancient Order of United Workmen, of Muscatine; the Bankers Reserve, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and the Woodmen of America. He was formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Mrs. Vannatta is a faithful and consistent member of the United Brethren church, and she and her husband enjoy the esteem of many friends who have been attracted to them by their sterling worth and many excellencies of character.

HARRY F. BARNARD.

Among the active business men of Muscatine who have gained success through their native powers of energy and perseverance may be named Harry F. Barnard, at the head of one of the finest jewelry establishments to be found in the west. He was born in Lee county, Illinois, November 7, 1863, and is a son of Clark and Adelia A. (Leach) Barnard, the former of whom was a native of New Hampshire and the latter of New York. The father was educated in the public schools

of his native state and continued at home until about sixteen years of age, when he came west and located near Franklin Grove, Lee county, Illinois, where he engaged in farming. In 1872 he came to Muscatine, Iowa, as a saw filer for the Chambers Brothers Lumber Company. He departed this life in 1900 at the age of sixty-six years. Our subject's grandfather Barnard was also a native of New Hampshire; was of English descent; and engaged in farming as a life occupation. The maternal grandfather, Hiram Leach, was a native of New York and also a farmer. The maiden name of his wife was Maria Farnum. Her husband having been called away, Mrs. Leach settled in Lee county, Illinois, but later removed to Red Oak, Iowa, where she died at the age of seventy-seven years. She was the mother of eleven children. Unto Clark and Adelia A. Barnard two children were born: Harry F., our subject; and Eugene G., of Muscatine, Iowa.

Harry F. Barnard came to Muscatine with his parents at nine years of age and was educated in the public and high schools of this city, showing an interest in his studies which gave bright promise for his future career. After laying his books aside he learned the jeweler's trade and in 1889, being then twenty-six years of age, he began in the jewelry business under his own name and has continued with a high degree of success. He has one of the most complete and attractive jewelry stores in the state and has gained an enviable reputation for honest dealing, being today one of the most estimable citizens of Muscatine.

On the 19th of August, 1888, Mr. Barnard was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Faulkner, a daughter of Walter and Dorothy (Plessis) Faulkner, the former born in Virginia and the latter in France. They were early settlers of Muscatine and are still living here. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard are earnest members of the First Methodist Episcopal church and active workers in its behalf. Mr. Barnard is a staunch supporter of the republican party but has never sought political honors, as he has preferred to devote his attention to his business. He has for twenty-one years been closely identified with the mercantile interests of Muscatine and has been one of the potent factors in advancing the permanent welfare of the city, always lending his assistance to any worthy undertaking. He is public-spirited, patriotic and capable and has fairly won the high place he holds in the estimation of the best people of the city and county.

JOSHUA H. CANON.

For almost a half century Joshua H. Canon was a resident of Muscatine and throughout that period was closely associated with the business activity and development of the city. His worth both as a business man and citizen made him highly esteemed, and his memory is yet cherished by many who knew him.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Canon was born June 15, 1832, and his parents, Samuel R. and Rachel Canon, were also natives of the Buckeye state. The father was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit in Ohio until he removed westward to Missouri, becoming one of the early settlers of Holt county, where he died October 12, 1863, when well advanced in years. His wife passed away January 23, 1868. They were the parents of six children, namely: Joshua H., William, Elizabeth Ann, Thomas, John and Mary.



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Joshua H. Canon was a resident of Ohio until about sixteen years of age, when he went to Uniontown, Pennsylvania, and lived with his uncle Joshua. There he learned the drug business, and when he had become familiar with the trade removed to Philadelphia, where he resided until he came to Muscatine in 1856. Here he established a drug store, which he conducted with success for many years, having a well appointed establishment, which was liberally patronized because of the excellent line of goods which he carried and his straightforward honorable business methods. In 1902 he removed to Tacoma, Washington, where he lived for five years, after which he returned to Muscatine and here his remaining days were passed.

On the 7th of April, 1858, Mr. Canon was united in marriage to Miss Rhoda Smalley, a daughter of Andrew and Rhoda (Shepherd) Smalley, who came to Muscatine in 1839 when the city was but a small trading post on the western frontier and was called Bloomington. Mrs. Canon was born in Carthage, Ohio, and was only two years old when her parents came to Muscatine, arriving in 1839. Here she has since lived, with the exception of five years spent in Tacoma and also the period when she was absent at school. By her marriage she became the mother of twin sons, Samuel and Andrew, but both died in infancy; and a daughter Nellie, who is now the wife of William E. Bliven, one of the most prominent and prosperous business men of Muscatine, of whom extended mention is made elsewhere in this volume. In April, 1873, Mr. and Mrs. Canon adopted a baby girl, Anna Bertha, who is now Mrs. C. E. Hodgson of Rock Island, Illinois.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Canon were members of the Congregational church, and their upright honorable lives won for them the esteem and high regard of all who knew them. Mr. Canon was at one time a member of the state militia, while his younger brother William was a soldier of the Civil war and belonged to the Missouri scouts. His interest in the welfare of his fellowmen was deep and sincere, and at all times he was a cooperant factor in the measures and movements which he deemed of value in promoting the progress and prosperity of the country. He died February 25, 1906, and his death was the occasion of deep regret to his many friends.

CHARLES F. CADLE.

Charles F. Cadle, a soldier of the Civil war and for many years actively identified with the business affairs of Muscatine, was born in the city where he now lives February 1, 1846. He is a son of Cornelius and Abigail Howe (Larrabee) Cadle. The father was a native of New York city and the mother of Framingham, Massachusetts. He was a merchant and conducted a business in partnership with his father in New York, coming west to Muscatine in 1843. He built the first steam sawmill on the Mississippi river above St. Louis, at Muscatine, and engaged in the lumber business for about twenty-seven years. He held various town offices and was on the board of supervisors and also at one time deputy county treasurer, departing this life March 11, 1886, at the age of seventy-

seven years. Cornelius Cadle, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was born in Gloucestershire, England, as was also his wife, Hannah Kidson. The maternal grandfather was William Larrabee, a native of Malden, Massachusetts. He married Sally Fisk and there were six children in their family: William F., Edward W., Charles M., Abigail Howe, George and John. There were four children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Cadle: Cornelius, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Edward F., of Stockton, California; William L., of Chicago; and Charles F., our subject. The beloved wife and mother having been called away in 1847, Mr. Cadle was again married, his second wife being Ruth Lamphry, a native of Boston, who came west as a missionary, her death occurring on the 12th of April, 1885. By his second marriage Mr. Cadle had two children: Henry, of Bethany, Missouri; and Abbie A., the wife of Frank W. Mahin, United States consul at Amsterdam, Holland.

Charles F. Cadle was reared in Muscatine and educated in the public schools. He began his business career as a clerk in a book store, but in 1863, at the age of seventeen years, feeling that his country needed his services, he enlisted in Company A, Second Iowa Cavalry, and served most creditably until the end of the war. He participated in the battles of Colliersville, Tupelo, Oxford, Mississippi, Nashville and many other important engagements of the Army of the West. After receiving his honorable discharge, he laid aside the accouterments of war and began working in a lumberyard at Muscatine for his father. Later he spent two or three years in the south and engaged in the lumber business at Victor, Iowa, for thirteen years. Returning to Muscatine in 1885, he entered the ice and pork-packing business, but a few years later withdrew from the latter and has since been actively connected with the ice business, also becoming a dealer in coal. Being a man of good ability, he has attracted a patronage which yields liberal returns upon his investments.

On the 31st of May, 1876, Mr. Cadle was united in marriage to Mrs. H. M. Clapp, the widow of W. B. Clapp and a daughter of Nathan Fitch and Juliette (Smith) Swan. Mrs. Cadle was born at Lockport, New York, July 31, 1846. Her father was a native of Saratoga county, New York, and her mother of Farmington, Ontario county, New York. The family came west to Milwaukee in 1847 and removed to Muscatine in 1851, where Mr. Swan engaged as a contractor and house builder. He passed away in 1875, at the age of sixty-seven years. Mrs. Swan survived her husband thirty years, dying at the age of eighty-three, in 1905. She was a member of the Congregational church, while he gave his adherence to the Methodist church. Adam Swan, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Cadle, was a native of Stonington, Connecticut, and a son of Joshua and Martha (Dennison) Swan, the latter being a daughter of Amos and Martha (Gallup) Dennison. Adam Swan married Mercy Fitch, of Norwalk, Connecticut, and they were the parents of ten children, three of whom—Maria, Henry and Nathan—married and reared families. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Cadle was Noah Aldrich Smith, a native of Rhode Island, and his wife was Cynthia (Buck) Smith, a native of Massachusetts. They were the parents of one child, Juliette. Mr. and Mrs. Cadle have one son, Cornelius, now engaged in the jewelry business in Muscatine.

Mr. Cadle is a member of Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias; Shelby Norma Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and is now president of the Iowa Society Sons of the American Revolution. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party. As a business man he has attained a high standing through the exercise of energy, perseverance and sound judgment—a combination that seldom fails to accomplish substantial results.

JOSEPH B. VAN ATTA.

Joseph B. Van Atta is now occupying his town residence at No. 113 West Fourth street, Muscatine, but is also the owner of a fine farm in Muscatine county, on which he made his home for fifty years, it being the place where he was born. He is actively identified with business interests and is known as one of the substantial and progressive citizens of the county. He was born in Seventy-six township, Muscatine county, May 23, 1853, and is a son of James and Katie Anne (Brobeck) Van Atta. The father was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, in November, 1811, and came to Iowa in 1846 with his wife and three children in a wagon drawn by an ox team, locating first in Bloomington township but the next year moved to Seventy-six township. Politically he was in sympathy with the republican party, and religiously he was identified with the Presbyterian church. He departed this life in 1886 and was buried in High Prairie Chapel cemetery, Seventy-six township. The grandfather on the paternal side was of German parentage and the grandmother was a native of Ireland. The mother of our subject was born in Pennsylvania and was married in that state. She was called away in 1892. Of her ten children eight grew to maturity: Philip, of Vandalia, Missouri; Mary, the wife of William Dorr, of Nortonville, Kansas; John, deceased; William, of Enid, Oklahoma; James, of Collinsville, Oklahoma; Josephine, who became the wife of John Holston, now foreman in the railroad shops at Madison, South Dakota; Joseph B., our subject; and Annie, the wife of William Smalley, of Muscatine.

Joseph B. Van Atta received his preliminary education in the district schools of Seventy-six township, later attending the high school at Muscatine, but he did not graduate. He grew up upon the home farm and after the death of his parents continued there and became a leading live-stock man, feeding and shipping as many as two hundred and fifty car loads of stock per year. He removed to Muscatine August 3, 1903, and for four years engaged in the insurance business. For some months past he has been connected with the American Telephone & Telegraph Company as right-of-way man. He is the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and eighty acres in Muscatine county and also of two residences in this city, in one of which he lives.

In 1875 Mr. Van Atta was united in marriage to Miss Mollie O'Brien, and five children have blessed the union: Fanny, the wife of George Eitman, who is engaged in the grocery business at Muscatine; Fred, a resident of Muscatine;

Mabyl, the wife of E. I. Leiber, manager of the Woolworth store at Muscatine; Maude, the wife of Lauren Henderson, a druggist, of Muscatine; and Desmond, now connected with the Woolworth store at Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he is learning to be a manager. Mabyl was the youngest teacher in Muscatine county up to the time when she received her certificate and began teaching at the age of sixteen years.

Mr. Van Atta is in sympathy with the principles of the republican party and although he has not been an office seeker, he served for one term as assessor of his township. He and his family are members of the Presbyterian church and he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Bankers Reserve, all of Muscatine. He is remarkably well posted concerning the resources of Muscatine county and few men in the county are better prepared to discuss its possibilities. His memory carries him back to the days before the Civil war when pioneer conditions prevailed and many of the conveniences and comforts of the present time were unknown. These conditions he has seen gradually pass away before the advance of new ideas. He applied himself diligently and by wise foresight and good management attained the position of comparative independence which he occupies today.

WILLIAM H. HUGHES.

William H. Hughes has been a resident of Muscatine for forty-seven years and is well known in business circles of the city although he is now living retired. He also proved a capable official in public office for several years and in fact in every relation of life has commanded the good will and confidence of his fellowmen. He was born in St. Louis county, Missouri, September 9, 1848, and is the elder of two sons in a family which numbered four children but the two daughters died in infancy.

The parents were Thomas R. and Sarah E. (Lowry) Hughes, the former a native of the city of Galway, Ireland, and the latter of Louisville, Kentucky. Thomas R. Hughes was a son of Reuben Hughes, a native of Wales, who on establishing his home in Galway, engaged in the manufacture of paper, conducting one of the important productive industries of that city, in which he made his home until he was called to his final rest at an advanced age. Unto him and his wife were born nineteen children, including Thomas R. Hughes, who was reared in his native city but completed his education in Trinity College, of Dublin, Ireland, with a view of entering professional circles. However, he began traveling for his father as representative of the paper manufacturing house in England and Scotland. He afterward became connected with another manufacturing concern and was thus in business in the old world until he determined to try his fortune in America. Crossing the Atlantic, he settled in St. Louis, where he resided for several years, his time and energies being there devoted to general merchandising. In the meantime he had wedded Sarah E. Lowry, a daughter of David Lowry, who was a native of Ohio. Archibald Lowry, the great-grandfather of

William H. Hughes, was at one time the owner of the principal part of the residence portion of Springfield, Ohio. He was a son of David Lowry, Sr., who came from Edinburg, Scotland, in 1763, and settled in Pennsylvania, becoming the founder of the family in the new world. His grandson, David Lowry, Jr., was the owner of an interest in some steamboats that plied between Cincinnati and New Orleans. He was also connected with other business enterprises and was meeting with prosperity when he fell a victim to cholera, passing away in Cincinnati in 1832, when a young man. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Catherine M. O'Rourke, reached the age of sixty-five years. Their family numbered three children, who grew to adult age: Sarah E., who became Mrs. Hughes; William E.; and Samuel H. Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Hughes lived in St. Louis for several years and in 1856 removed to Iowa, settling in Sweetland township, Muscatine county, where Mr. Hughes passed away in 1860, at the age of forty-five years. His widow still survives him, never marrying again. She lives with her son William and they have resided in Muscatine since 1863. She is now eighty-six years of age, having been born on the 5th of February, 1825.

In taking up the personal history of William H. Hughes we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in Muscatine and this part of the state. His early education was acquired in St. Louis and following the removal of the family to Iowa he continued his studies in the schools of Muscatine and afterward in the college of Christian Brothers in St. Louis. Subsequently he became bookkeeper for his uncle, William Hughes, in Evansville, Indiana, occupying that position for three years but about 1869 returned to Muscatine, where he secured a situation in a general dry-goods store. Subsequently he joined an engineering corps that was engaged in surveying a road in Illinois. Afterward he spent a short time in the Silverman & Cook Bank in Muscatine. Then again he engaged in the dry-goods business and for several terms was clerk of the courts, he being elected first in 1886, and occupying that position until the 5th of January, 1895, when, after a service of four terms, he retired.

Mr. Hughes and his mother occupy a pleasant home at No. 715 West Third street, where they have resided continuously since taking up their abode in this city. His political allegiance has long been given to the democratic party and he is unfaltering in his support of its principles.

ROBERT LEE.

Robert Lee, now living partly retired in an elegant home in Muscatine, is a native of Ireland but was brought to Muscatine county by his parents in his infancy. He was born in County Tyrone, April 5, 1847, and is a son of Isaac and Mary (Beatty) Lee. The father, who was also a native of County Tyrone, came to the United States in 1847 in an old sailing vessel which reached the port of New Orleans after a voyage of sixteen weeks. In the course of the voyage the old records of the family were water-soaked and the names written in

the family Bible were made almost illegible. Coming up the Mississippi river the travelers located in Seventy-six township, Muscatine county, Iowa, the father entering school land, upon which he built a log house and began to make a home in the wilderness. He was called away about nine years later and his remains were interred in a small country cemetery in that township. Later the body was removed to Greenwood cemetery, Muscatine, where it now reposes. In Ireland he was a farmer and a horseman, buying horses and putting them in good condition to be sold. In politics he was a whig. The grandparents on the paternal side were born and reared in Ireland, but the earlier generation of the family in the same line came from Scotland. The mother of our subject was born in County Armagh, Ireland, and was there married. She departed this life in Muscatine county in 1877. There were six children in the family, four of whom grew to maturity: Jane, now deceased; Isaac, of Muscatine; Margie, also deceased; and Robert, our subject.

Reared upon the home farm Robert Lee received his early education in a small building which his father was instrumental in erecting, to be used as a Catholic church, but as educational facilities were few in early days this structure was rented for school purposes. He subsequently came to Muscatine and finished his education in Brown's select school, the head of which is now an attorney of Muscatine. The family continued together until after the death of the elder sister and the marriage of the younger. Robert and his brother conducted the farm together for eighteen or twenty years, becoming large live-stock buyers, and at the present time they are the owners of nearly two thousand acres of land in Seventy-six and Cedar townships, although not as closely identified with business interests as in earlier years. Since January, 1908, Mr. Lee has lived in Muscatine and is gradually retiring from active work, having by industry and good management attained a competence.

On April 1, 1885, Mr. Lee was united in marriage in Jones county, Iowa, to Miss Agnes Beatty. She is a daughter of Alexander and Mary (South) Beatty, the former of whom was born in Ireland and emigrated to this country, locating in Jones county, where he continued until his death in 1902. He was quite successful as a farmer. Mrs. Beatty was a native of Jones county and was called from earthly scenes in 1894. She is buried in a cemetery at Cascade, Iowa. Mrs. Lee was educated in the public schools and also became a student in the high school at Cascade but did not complete the course. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lee were born three children: Mary Leola, now at home, is a graduate of the high school of Muscatine and also pursued a course in music at Monmouth College. Ira H., who married Florence Zigler, resides on the home farm and is engaged in farming and stock-raising in partnership with his father. Robert E. is attending the high school of Muscatine, being still at home with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee are members of the Presbyterian church, though on his farm is a United Brethren church, of which he has been a supporter for many years. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party. A prominent Mason, he holds membership in Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M.; and De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T., all of Muscatine; and Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Davenport. He and his wife and daughter are all members of the

Eastern Star and he is connected with the Commercial Club of Muscatine. He is possessed of many fine social characteristics but his friends are not all confined to fraternal organizations as they are to be found throughout Muscatine county or wherever he is known as he is a generous, upright and honorable man, who easily wins the confidence of those with whom he is brought in contact.

JACOB P. LEYSEN.

Jacob P. Leysen, a well known shoe dealer of Muscatine, has built up an extensive and profitable trade during the eighteen years of his connection with the business. His establishment is located at No. 113 East Second street. His birth occurred in Muscatine, Iowa, on the 17th of March, 1859, his parents being Peter and Elizabeth (Kaefering) Leysen, who were natives of Luxemburg and Kiel, Germany, respectively. Jacob Leysen, the paternal grandfather, was born in Germany and crossed the Atlantic to the United States about 1855. He settled in Muscatine, Iowa, and here spent the remainder of his life, passing away at a ripe old age. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Peter; Charles; Mary; Lena, the wife of Joseph Rank; Helen, the wife of George Arnold; and Magdalena, who gave her hand in marriage to John Knopp. The maternal grandfather of our subject, who was a farmer by occupation, passed away in Germany.

Peter Leysen, the father of Jacob P. Leysen, emigrated to the United States about 1855 and located on what is now Park Place in Muscatine. He followed dairy farming as a means of livelihood and passed away in this county when sixty-eight years of age. Both he and his wife, who died at the age of sixty-four, were devoted and faithful communicants of the Catholic church. During the period of hostilities between the north and the south Peter Leysen defended the interests of the Union as sergeant of Company D, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war. He participated in a number of important engagements and was severely wounded in the hip and thigh in the battle of Chicot Lake, Arkansas, on the 7th of June, 1864. At the time of his discharge, on the 13th of July, 1865, he was a member of Company A, Fifteenth Regiment Veteran Reserve Corps. After returning from the war he resumed the pursuits of civil life, being numbered among the substantial agriculturists and respected citizens here until called to his final rest. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, six sons and two daughters, namely: Jacob P., of this review; Anton, who is deceased; John; Charles; Joseph; Mary; Julia, the wife of C. T. Edwards; and Peter, who died in infancy.

Jacob P. Leysen was reared in Muscatine and acquired his education in the parochial schools. After completing his studies he accepted a position in the book and stationery store of Schmidt Brothers, in whose employ he remained for eight years. On the expiration of that period, in 1884, he embarked in business on his own account, conducting a book and stationery concern in association with F. A. Neidig, under the firm style of Neidig & Leysen, for about nine years. On the 1st of October, 1893, he withdrew from the firm and became identified with mer-

cantile interests as a dealer in shoes, being proprietor of the Leysen shoe store for the past eighteen years. He is a wide-awake, energetic business man of known reliability and has met with well deserved success in his undertakings.

On the 4th of May, 1887, Mr. Leysen was united in marriage to Miss Jennie A. Cassiday, a native of Iowa City, Iowa, and a daughter of William P. and Jane E. (Morris) Cassiday. They are the parents of three children: Ralph, city editor of the Muscatine Journal; Albert, a clerk in his father's store; and Genevieve, a student at St. Mathias Academy.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Leysen has supported the men and measures of the democracy. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and both he and his wife are valued members of St. Mathias Catholic church. They reside at the corner of Sixth and Iowa avenue, where Mr. Leysen erected a modern and attractive home. They are well known throughout the community and justly merit the high regard and esteem which are uniformly accorded them.

NICHOLAS BARRY, JR.

Nicholas Barry, Jr., prominently identified with industrial interests in Muscatine as the president of the Barry Manufacturing Company, is at the head of an extensive plant at Nos. 901 to 905 East Fourth street. He is widely recognized as one of the wealthy and influential residents of the city and makes his home at No. 802 Mulberry avenue.

His birth occurred in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 22d of February, 1856, his parents being Nicholas and Alice (Potts) Barry, both of whom are natives of County Wexford, Ireland. The paternal grandfather, who was likewise born in County Wexford, Ireland, there passed away at an advanced age. His wife died in Cleveland, Ohio. Their children were as follows: Thomas, who was a resident of Cleveland; John Patrick, who made his home in Liverpool; Nicholas, the father of our subject; and Mary, who died in Alpena, Michigan. The last named was the wife of James McMillin. William Potts, the maternal grandfather of Mr. Barry of this review, was also a native of Ireland and was a farmer and horseman during his active business career. He emigrated to the United States, but subsequently returned to the Emerald isle, and there spent his remaining days. His wife was a Miss Radford, who likewise passed away in Ireland. They reared a large family of children, including Mary, Catharine, Margaret, Ellen, Judith and Alice.

Nicholas Barry, Sr., the father of our subject, was reared in Ireland and when a young man crossed the Atlantic to Canada. After a short time spent in that country he crossed the border into the United States, locating in Cleveland, Ohio, where he conducted a clothing business for some years. In 1856 he went to Chicago, Illinois, and later in the same year he removed to Rock Island, where he acted as superintendent of the gas-works. The year 1868 witnessed his arrival in Muscatine and this city has remained his place of residence continuously since. He served as superintendent of the gas-works here for eleven years, on the expiration of which period he opened a plumbing, heating and gas-fitting establishment, con-



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ducting business in association with his sons Patrick and Nicholas under the firm style of N. Barry & Sons. In 1889 the Barry Manufacturing Company was organized with the following officers; Nicholas Barry, Sr., president; Patrick Barry, secretary; and Nicholas Barry, Jr., manager. They manufactured lead pipe and lead specialties. Nicholas Barry, Sr., retired in 1894 but is still a stockholder in the concern. He and his wife reside at No. 1305 Mulberry avenue and are faithful communicants of the Roman Catholic church. The period of their residence in Muscatine covers more than four decades and they are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. Unto them were born eight children, four sons and four daughters, as follows: Patrick J., of Muscatine; Mary, who is the widow of Philip Fahey and likewise makes her home in this city; James, living in Chicago; Nicholas, of this review; Catharine, the wife of John Hadden, of Chicago; Alice, the wife of Frank Anson, of Muscatine; Thomas, of Muscatine; and a daughter who died in early life.

Nicholas Barry, Jr., was a lad of about twelve years when he came to Muscatine in company with his parents. He attended the parochial schools and later pursued a course of study in Snively's Commercial College. After putting aside his text-books he familiarized himself with the trades of tinner and coppersmith and subsequently learned plumbing and steam fitting, following those occupations for many years. In 1876 he became a partner of his father and on the latter's retirement, in 1894, he and his brothers Patrick and Thomas continued the business under the old name of the Barry Manufacturing Company, which style has been maintained to the present time. In 1895 the company sold out the lead business and began the manufacture of pearl button machinery and supplies. Their plant consists of three buildings, the main building being forty-eight by one hundred and sixty-four feet and three stories in height; another building is thirty-four by ninety feet and one story high; and the third building covers twenty-two by one hundred and ten feet and is two stories in height. From one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five people are employed in the conduct of the business. Nicholas Barry, Jr., who is now at the head of the concern, is a man of keen discrimination and sound judgment, and his executive ability and excellent management have been potent factors in its continued growth and success.

In July, 1879, Mr. Barry was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary McCarthy, a native of Davenport and a daughter of Daniel and Emily (Hall) McCarthy, of Rock Island, Illinois. They were natives of Ireland and Kentucky respectively but became early settlers of Davenport, Iowa. Their children were five in number, namely: Nancy, the widow of Thomas Newcomb; Sarah, the wife of Michael Kelly; Mrs. Barry; and Daniel and Charles, who died in early manhood. Mr. and Mrs. Barry are also the parents of five children. George William, who is employed as a machinist and foreman by the Barry Manufacturing Company, wedded Miss Lillian Dale, by whom he has one daughter, Genevieve. John C., a draughtsman and mechanical engineer, married Miss Edith Harrison, by whom he has a daughter, Evelyn. Florence is the wife of John J. Fuller and the mother of one daughter, Marian. Leo married Miss Lydia Borgstadt and has one daughter. Marie, who attends school, is still under the parental roof.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Barry has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Columbus, and both he and his wife belong to the Catholic church. No breath of suspicion has ever assailed his good name and on the contrary he stands as a splendid type of the honorable, reliable, successful man, the public-spirited citizen and the trustworthy friend.

FRANK ASHCRAFT.

Frank Ashcraft, a native of Muscatine and for nearly forty years connected with its business interests, is today one of the best known men in Muscatine county. He was born July 15, 1852, and is a son of Thomas and Mary A. (Dean) Ashcraft, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Indiana. The father was a mechanic and worked principally at carpentering. He came to Iowa in 1849 and settled at Muscatine, where he spent the remainder of his life except six years which he passed in Davenport. He died in 1895 at the age of seventy-one years, his wife having preceded him in 1881, when she was forty-nine years old. They were both members of the Methodist church.

Joseph Ashcraft, the paternal grandfather, was also a native of Ohio. He was a farmer and was twice married, his first wife being Mary Reddington, who died in her young womanhood. She was the mother of one child, Thomas. By his second marriage he became the father of five sons. He lived until he was over eighty years of age, departing this life on a farm near Cincinnati. The maternal grandfather was Edward Dean, who was born in Ohio. He removed to Indiana and later settled at Henderson, near Galesburg, Illinois, where both died when over ninety years old. There were ten children in their family, Charles, William, Thomas, Daniel, John, Nancy, Sarah, Eliza, Mary and Lavina. It is a remarkable fact that five brothers and four brothers-in-law of this family were soldiers in the Civil war and went with Sherman on his march to the sea. To Thomas and Mary A. Ashcraft ten children were born, five of whom grew to maturity: Edward deceased; Frank; Alvah, of Little Falls, Minnesota; Harry, of Muscatine; and Jennie, now Mrs. Clark, living near Wahpeton, North Dakota.

Frank Ashcraft was educated in the public schools of Muscatine and received his home training under circumstances that were highly favorable for a successful career. After laying aside his text-books he became shipping clerk in the lumberyard of Chambers Brothers, continuing with the firm until 1878, when he accepted a position in a similar capacity with the Musser Lumber Company. He next became connected as superintendent with the Hershey Lumber Company and remained in that position from 1881 until the company went out of business. He then became identified with Kaiser Brothers as contractor and was with Roach & Musser until 1905, when he engaged in the plumbing business on his own account. For the past two years he has been dealing extensively in engine supplies and specialties and has made quite a success in this line. He is also a director in the Mira Hershey Lumber Company.

On the 30th of May, 1878, Mr. Ashcraft was united in marriage to Miss Ella Fisher and two children blessed that union, Linn and Ida, the former of whom died when one year old. Ida became the wife of Joseph A. Davidson, of Muscatine, and is the mother of two children, Joseph and William S. Mrs. Ashcraft having been called away in February, 1884, our subject was a second time married, the lady of his choice being Miss Clara Theressa Stevens, a native of Rippey, Greene county, Iowa, and a daughter of Alonzo C. and Sarah E. (Clark) Stevens. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were early settlers in Muscatine and were married in Rippey, Iowa. They now live in Muscatine. Mr. Stevens was a soldier of the Civil war. There were three children in the family: Ella B. now the wife of Dr. Turner, of Pasadena, California; Addie, the wife of John M. Culver, of Canada; and Clara Theressa, now Mrs. Ashcraft. One son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ashcraft, Lee R., who married Anna Wilson and is now in the employ of the Batterson Novelty Company.

Mr. Ashcraft is not identified with any religious organization but his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. He is a prominent worker in the Masonic order, holding membership in Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T., and also belongs to Muscatine Homestead, No. 336, of the Yeomen of America. Politically he affiliates with the republican party and is an earnest advocate of its principles. He served as alderman of the third ward for two years and was a member of the city council, when the bill for paving and sewerage for the city was introduced and passed, being very active in its promotion. He was a contributor to the building of the first street railway in Muscatine and was on the building committee that erected the high school and two other city buildings. He served as school director for seven years and for one year was chief of police, and in the discharge of his various duties, public and private, he has exercised a judgment and discrimination that have gained for him the respect of the entire community.

SEABURY BREWSTER COOK.

Seabury Brewster Cook, a well known and leading resident of Muscatine, has been prominently identified with the financial interests of the city for the past four decades, having acted as cashier of the institution now known as the Muscatine State Bank since its incorporation. His sound judgment has also promoted the success of various other enterprises and since 1896 he has served as president of the Muscatine Lumber & Box Company.

His birth occurred in Norwich, Connecticut, on the 11th of January, 1844, his parents being George and Sarah (Brewster) Cook, who were natives of Connecticut and Ohio respectively. The paternal grandfather, who was born in Connecticut, was lost at sea. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Abigail Bushnell, lived to be nearly eighty years of age. The Brewster family history has been well written by Emma Brewster Jones, of Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio. The great-grandfather of our subject in the maternal line was Seabury Brewster, who participated in the Revolutionary war and was on the prison ship

Jersey when they exchanged. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Sallie Bradford, was a descendant of Governor Bradford. William Brewster, the maternal grandfather of S. B. Cook, was born in Norwich, Connecticut, and belonged to the seventh generation descended from Elder William Brewster, who came to this country from England in the Mayflower. He served in the war of 1812, proving a most loyal and valiant soldier. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Lucretia Fuller, by whom he had two children: Sarah Bradford Brewster; and Lucretia, who passed away when twenty-nine years of age. For his second wife William Brewster chose Miss Harriet Hamlin, of Ohio. The son of that union, William, wedded Miss Georgia Williams in Muscatine and lived here for a number of years but passed away in New York city. William Brewster, the grandfather of the gentleman whose name introduces this review, came to Iowa with his second wife about 1855, locating in Muscatine, where he lived retired until called to his final rest. His wife, who survived him for some years, passed away in Wilton, Iowa.

George Cook, the father of Seabury Brewster Cook, was engaged in business at Norwich, Connecticut, as a merchant tailor. In the fall of 1861 he came to Muscatine with his family and here spent the remainder of his life in honorable retirement, passing away in the faith of the Congregational church when seventy-nine years of age. His wife, is also a devoted member of that church, still survives and has attained the advanced age of ninety-three years. They had five children, four of whom grew to maturity: Seabury B., of this review; George B., who is deceased; Edward C., deceased, who was assistant cashier of the Muscatine State Bank; and Harriet H., the widow of Professor F. M. Witter, who was the organizer of the public school system of Muscatine and recently died at Biloxi, Mississippi.

Seabury Brewster Cook spent the first seventeen years of his life in his native state, acquiring his education in the public schools of Norwich. In 1861 he came to Muscatine with his parents, here following the profession of school teaching during one winter term. He then worked in the shoe store of W. F. Johnson for about two years, on the expiration of which period he entered the banking house of Isett & Brewster as a bookkeeper. That firm was succeeded by the Merchants Exchange Bank, which later became the Merchants Exchange National Bank, which in turn was succeeded by the First National Bank. Mr. Cook continued in the employ of these various banks until the fall of 1869. On the 1st of February, 1870, a new and private bank was established and organized by S. B. Cook and the late Charles Silverman, the enterprise being conducted for several years under the firm style of Silverman, Cook & Company. About 1875 P. M. Musser became a member of the firm and the name was subsequently changed to that of Cook, Musser & Company. That style was retained until 1896, when the enterprise was incorporated under the state law and became the Cook, Musser & Company State Bank and Trust Company. On the 1st of September, 1908, it was made the Cook, Musser & Company State Bank, while in January, 1910, the institution adopted its present title—the Muscatine State Bank. As above stated, Mr. Cook has acted as cashier since its incorporation. A wide-awake, energetic business man, he has done much to promote the interests of the institution with which he is connected and has become thoroughly

conversant with every department of banking. He keeps well posted on the financial interests of the country and in his management of affairs has followed a safe, conservative policy which has won the commendation of the patrons of the bank and gained the confidence of the general public. He has not confined his attention wholly to his banking interests but has become identified with other enterprises, having for the past fourteen years served as president of the Muscatine Lumber & Box Company.

Mr. Cook has been married twice. In 1872 he wedded Miss Seny Chaplin, a daughter of Charles and Helen M. (Sherman) Chaplin, who were early settlers of Muscatine and here passed away. That union was blessed with one son, Robert S., now a resident of Roswell, New Mexico, who married Miss Gena V. Nichols and has one daughter, Sarah Marie. Mrs. Seny Cook was called to her final rest in 1894, when forty-six years of age, passing away in the faith of the Congregational church. For his second wife Mr. Cook chose Mrs. Mary Magill, a native of Muscatine and the widow of Samuel T. Magill. Her parents, Alexander and Lucy (Daily) Jackson, took up their abode among the early residents of this city.

In politics Mr. Cook is a democrat, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and DeMolay Commandery, No. 1, K. T. His home at No. 419 West Second street is the abode of a charming and gracious hospitality. Mr. Cook has lived in Muscatine for the past half century and has long been numbered among its most enterprising and respected residents.

JEFFERSON D. FULLIAM, M. D.

The name of Fulliam is inseparably associated with the history of the medical profession in Muscatine, and the record of Dr. Jefferson D. Fulliam is one which reflects added credit and honor upon an untarnished family name. As a physician and surgeon he is practicing successfully here, having for twenty-three years devoted his time and energies to the alleviation of human suffering and the restoration of health.

He was born in this city, November 9, 1865, a son of Dr. George W. and Elizabeth (Van Natta) Fulliam, natives of Indiana and Pennsylvania respectively. The former was a son of Bland Ballard Fulliam, who was the first white child born in the fort on what is now the site of Lexington, Kentucky. His maternal grandfather, Bland Ballard, was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, being a member of Clarke's Illinois regiment of Virginia troops. Benjamin Fulliam, the paternal great-grandfather of our subject, also fought for American independence. Bland Ballard Fulliam was a private in Captain Lyddall Bacon's company of infantry, the Seventeenth, Frisco's regiment of Kentucky in the war of 1812. In Washington county, Indiana, whither he went in pioneer times, he married Elizabeth Hardin, who was born near Greeneville, Tennessee. He was of Welsh decent while his wife was of Irish lineage in the paternal line and of German descent on her mother's side. At the time of the war of 1812 Bland

B. Fulliam espoused the American cause, seeing active service during the period of hostilities. He died in 1852 at the age of fifty-five years, having for about five years survived his wife, whose death resulted from cholera in 1847 at the age of forty-five years. Their family numbered seven daughters and two sons, all of whom are now deceased.

Dr. George W. Fulliam, the father of Jefferson D. Fulliam, was reared upon a farm in Washington county, Indiana, amid the wild scenes and environment of frontier life. In early manhood he removed to Nauvoo, Illinois, before the Mormons had left that district. Later he went to Wapello, Iowa, and in 1847 came to Muscatine, where he made his home continuously until his death. When still quite young he took up the study of medicine and began practice in Nauvoo. After living in Wapello for a time he followed the advice of a Mr. Parvin and came to Muscatine in 1847, finding here a profitable field for his professional labors, in which he continued actively until his demise on the 1st of June, 1893, when he was seventy-two years of age. He had married Elizabeth Van Natta, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of William Van Natta, who was born in the Keystone state and was of Holland Dutch descent. The death of Mrs. Elizabeth Fulliam occurred in 1889, when she was fifty-three years of age. She held membership in the Congregational church and her life was the exemplification of earnest Christian womanhood. Dr. Fulliam had previously married Miss Eliza Jane Morford and had two daughters by that marriage; Mrs. Sultana Bartlett, now of Muscatine; and Mrs. Eliza J. Bond, the wife of Rev. F. F. Bond, of Philadelphia. The children of Dr. Fulliam's second marriage were: Charles, deceased; Dr. Edmond B., of Muscatine; William J., of Horton, Kansas; Stonewall J., also of Muscatine; Jefferson D.; George, deceased; Belle, deceased, who was a deaconess in the Methodist and Presbyterian churches; and Etta, the wife of Crawford Johnson, of Norristown, Pennsylvania.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the usual routine of life for the small boy who devotes his time to the acquirement of an education and to the sports which are a constant source of pleasure, in which manner the youth of Dr. Jefferson D. Fulliam was passed. His professional education was acquired in the Bennett Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1887, and since that time he has been an active representative of the medical fraternity in his native city. Aside from his private practice, which has constantly grown in volume and importance, he served as health officer for eight years. He is now secretary of the Muscatine County Medical Society and also belongs to the State Medical Society.

On the 2d of April, 1890, Dr. Fulliam married Miss Lavine A. Wabnitz, a daughter of Charles F. and Mary (Wagner) Wabnitz. Mrs. Fulliam was born near Grandview, Louisa county, Iowa. Her paternal grandfather, Carl F. Wabnitz, came from Rhine Bishofheim, Baden, Germany, and in 1852 settled in Louisa county, where he resided until a few years prior to his death, which occurred in Lettsville, Iowa, in 1899, when he had reached an advanced age. His wife also came from Rhine Bishofheim, Germany. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Fulliam was Philip Wagner, for many years an undertaker at Grandview, Iowa. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Stroh. Charles F. Wabnitz, the father of Mrs. Fulliam, was a native of Ohio, while his wife was born in

Pennsylvania. They became early settlers of Louisa county, Iowa, where they arrived in 1852. Later they removed to Washington, Iowa, where Mrs. Wabnitz passed away in the summer of 1909, being still survived by her husband. They were the parents of a family of nine children, two sons and seven daughters, of whom seven are yet living. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fulliam has been blessed with an only son, Charles.

Dr. Fulliam is a well known member of Muscatine Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., and his wife holds membership in the Methodist church. His political allegiance is unfalteringly given to the democratic party and aside from the offices he has held in the line of his profession he has served as a member of the board of education for nine years and in the spring of 1910 was reelected for an additional term of three years. His public-spirited devotion to the general good is manifest in many ways, including a loyal support of all the projects and measures which are promulgated for the upbuilding and welfare of the city.

FRANK J. STOHR.

Frank J. Stohr, a prominent representative of industrial interests in Muscatine, is the senior member of the firm of Stohr & Freund, conducting a machine shop at No. 119 West Front street. His birth occurred in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 18th of March, 1862, his parents being Philip and Adelaide (Kuper) Stohr, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father, who was born in Baden-Baden, was a needle maker by trade. He crossed the Atlantic to the United States in the '40s and took up his abode in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1873 he came to Muscatine, Iowa, and during the remainder of his life conducted a boarding house in this city. While a resident of the fatherland he was a soldier in the regular army of that country. He passed away in Muscatine, in 1884, at the age of fifty-eight years. His wife, who was brought to America by her parents when only a year old, still survives and makes her home at No. 1117 Oregon street in Muscatine. The circle of her friends is an extensive one.

Frank J. Stohr, who was a lad of eleven years when he came to Muscatine with his parents, grew to manhood in this city and obtained his education in the public schools. When a youth of eighteen he began learning the machinist's trade and has since followed that occupation. He worked as a journeyman for a period of fourteen years and then returned to Muscatine in 1893, being here employed by the Barry Manufacturing Company for three years. On the expiration of that period, in partnership with P. W. Freund, he established a machine shop at the corner of Front and Chestnut streets, while for the past twelve years the firm of Stohr & Freund has conducted business at their present location—No. 119 West Front street. They manufacture gasoline engines and do general jobbing, having built up an extensive and profitable business in these connections.

On the 18th of February, 1891, Mr. Stohr was united in marriage to Miss Lilly Howell, a native of Sutter Creek, California, while her parents were born in England and Wales respectively. On coming to the United States they settled in California and in that state spent the remainder of their lives. Their children

were five in number, namely: James, Frank, Annie, Mary and Lilly. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stohr have been born six children: Esther, Edith, Ruby, Cora, Frank and Gertrude.

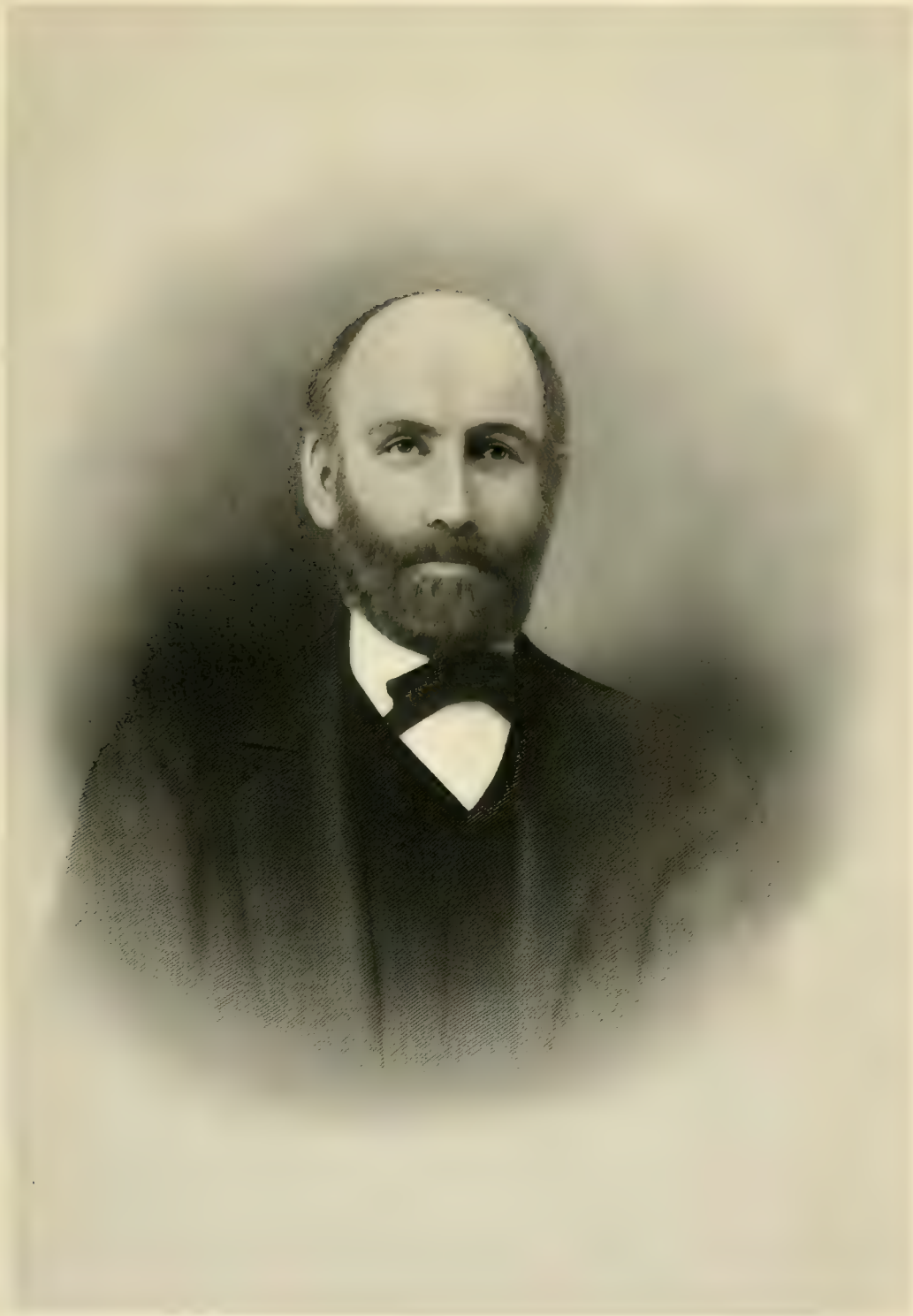
In politics Mr. Stohr is a republican. Fraternally he is identified with the Yeomen and the Masons, belonging to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; DeMolay Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; and Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M. He attends the services of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is a member. Their home is at No. 1117 Oregon street. The position and success to which Mr. Stohr has attained in the business world is due to the exercise of his innate talents, prompted by laudable ambition, and his record for efficiency in work and for reliability in his dealings is a most enviable one.

LOUIS FIDERLEIN.

A good education acquired early in life and balanced by sound judgment and the inclination and ability to apply himself closely to everything he undertook enabled Louis Fiderlein to become an acknowledged leader in Muscatine county. Although a native of a foreign land, he readily adapted himself to the customs and ideas of a republic and when he was called from earthly labors January 21, 1910, being then in the seventy-eighth year of his age, the county lost one of its most useful citizens—one who clearly demonstrated that the more intelligence a man possesses, the better farmer he may become.

He was born in Baden, Germany, December 21, 1832. His mother was a strong advocate of education and gave her son every advantage that could be desired in a country where opportunities for mental training are unsurpassed. The son became thoroughly familiar with four languages: German, French, Latin and English, and could have succeeded admirably as a professional man had he so desired. However, his mind turned to the new world and he decided to cast his fortune with America as the most favorable country in the world for a young man possessed with laudable ambition. Accordingly, when nineteen years of age he crossed the ocean and located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained for five years, then removing to Rock Island, Illinois, in which region he engaged in farming with a goodly measure of success. In 1878 he sold out and moved to Muscatine county, Iowa, becoming identified with Goshen township. He began with a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, which he cultivated with such success that at the time of his death he was the owner of seven hundred acres, all under a high state of cultivation. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, was gifted with a well balanced mind, was a wise counselor and held a prominent place among his fellowmen.

On the 13th of September, 1857, Mr. Fiderlein was united in marriage to Miss Julia Gregg, a daughter of Nathan Gregg, of Clark county, Illinois. Of this union twelve children were born, seven of whom are now living, namely: Eliza, Isabel, James, Lorena, William, Wilhelmina and Eloise. The mother of these children having passed away in 1879, Mr. Fiderlein was again married



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December 19, 1883, the lady of his choice being Miss Maggie Shetler, who was born at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1853, a daughter of Jonas and Harriet (Hayes) Shetler. Five children came to bless this union, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Ernest G., born November 4, 1884, who received a good education and is now living on the family homestead; Frank L., who was born July 10, 1886, and is a graduate of the Atalissa high school; Emma A., born July 24, 1890, who graduated from the Atalissa high school and also attended the State Normal at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and who has taught school for the past three years, beginning before she was seventeen years of age; and Clella K., born July 5, 1893, who is now a pupil in the Atalissa high school, a member of the class of 1911.

Mr. Fiderlein politically gave his support to the republican party, believing that by so doing he best advanced the interests of the country. He was not a member of any religious denomination, but other members of the family are stanch believers in the authority and inspiration of the Bible. He was a highly intellectual man and kept well informed as to the progress of events in the world, being also an earnest friend of education. He will be remembered as a most estimable and highly respected citizen whose well directed efforts in behalf of his family and of his fellowmen fully entitle him to the profound respect in which he was held.

WILLIAM HOFFMAN.

The ability which William Hoffman has displayed in the practice of law has long since gained him distinction as a leading member of the bar of Muscatine, where he follows his profession as a partner in one of the leading law firms of eastern Iowa—Jayne & Hoffman. He is of German birth, although almost the entire period of his life has been passed in this country. He was born March 19, 1845, in Prussia. Both his paternal and maternal grandparents always remained residents of Germany. His grandfather on the paternal side was a blacksmith, while his maternal grandfather devoted his life to preaching and teaching. His parents, Frederick and Amanda (Hildebrand) Hoffman, were also natives of Germany, where the father learned the trade of a blacksmith and metal worker. The hope of bettering his financial condition in utilizing the broader business opportunities of the new world led him to come to America in 1845, at which time he took up his abode in Philadelphia. He remained in that city and in Reading for several years, after which he left Pennsylvania and in 1852 came to Iowa, settling first at Muscatine. Later he removed to Grandview, where he followed his trade up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1861 when he was about forty years of age. His widow long survived him and died in 1905 when more than eighty years of age. They were the parents of six children, five sons and a daughter, but only two are now living, the brother of our subject being Fred J. Hoffman, of Mather, Wisconsin.

William Hoffman was a young lad when his parents took up their abode in Grandview, Iowa, where he resided until seventeen years of age, spending much

of his youth in the attainment of an education in public and private schools and the academy of that place. He afterward entered the Iowa State University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy in 1870, while in 1872 he completed preparation for the practice of law by graduation with the LL. B. degree. The same year he was admitted to the bar and in the fall of 1872 opened an office in Muscatine, where he has practiced continuously since. He was first associated with H. H. Benson, a former circuit judge, and in 1874 formed a partnership with Thomas Brown. Two years later they admitted J. A. Pickler to the firm under the name of Hoffman, Pickler & Brown, which connection was continued until 1882, when Mr. Hoffman joined Judge W. F. Brannan and Henry Jayne under the firm style of Brannan, Jayne & Hoffman. Four years later the senior partner was elected judge of the district court and since that time the firm name of Jayne & Hoffman has been used. No change occurred in the partnership until the two sons of the partners were admitted, the old firm name, however, being still retained. Few lawyers have made more lasting impression upon the bar of the state, both for legal ability of a high order and for the individuality of a personal character which impresses itself upon a community. Mr. Hoffman is devotedly attached to his profession, is systematic and methodical in habit, sober and discreet in judgment, diligent in research and conscientious in the discharge of every duty. His presentation of his cases indicates a thorough mastery of the questions involved.

On the 29th of September, 1874, Mr. Hoffman was married to Miss Irena Hutchinson, a daughter of John Hutchinson. Mrs. Hoffman was born in Ohio but her parents were natives of Virginia. Her father died in the Buckeye state and following the Civil war the mother came to Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were born six children: Arthur, engaged in business with his father, who married Cora Hunt, by whom he has a son, William Hunt Hoffman; Paul, a physician in Tipton, Iowa; Ralph and Fred, both at home; Harry, a most promising young man, who passed away at the age of seventeen years; and Mabel V., who married S. J. Jeffers, a dentist, and now makes her home in Buffalo, Wyoming.

Mrs. Hoffman and some of the children are members of the Presbyterian church and in its work are actively interested. Mr. Hoffman belongs to Wyoming Lodge, No. 76, K. P., and is also entitled to wear the Grand Army button for there is an interesting military chapter in his life record. He was a young man of about seventeen years when, in 1862, he enlisted in Company G, Nineteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, serving for three years or until the close of the war. He participated in the battle of Prairie Grove, in which he was wounded, the siege of Vicksburg and the battle of Sterling Farm, Louisiana, a part of his company and regiment being captured in the last named. Subsequently the Nineteenth Iowa was at Port Hudson and also participated in the capture of Spanish Fort, near Mobile, and in several skirmishes. It was subsequent to his service in the war that Mr. Hoffman entered the State University and pursued his collegiate and law courses. His political support is given to the republican party, and in 1902 he was a candidate for congress but was defeated by Judge Wade in the second Iowa congressional district. The zeal

with which he has devoted his energies to his chosen calling, the careful regard evinced for the interest of his clients and the assiduous attention to all the details of his cases have brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct.

PAUL W. FREUND.

Paul W. Freund is the junior member of the firm of Stohr & Freund, general machinists, whose shop is located at No. 119 West Front street in Muscatine. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of this city, his birth having here occurred on the 20th of June, 1873. His parents, Charles and Wilhelmina (Aderman) Freund, were natives of Germany. His paternal grandfather, Joachim Freund, was likewise born in Germany and there passed away in middle life. The maternal grandfather, Adolph Aderman, also died in that country. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Friederika Smith, emigrated to the United States and passed away in Muscatine, Iowa, when about seventy-seven years of age. Their children were five in number, as follows: Mrs. Charles Freund; William, who is a resident of Muscatine; August, living in Germany; Lena, the wife of William Luedke, of Muscatine; and Johanna, who gave her hand in marriage to Charles Quandt, of Muscatine.

Charles Freund, the father of Paul W. Freund, was a laborer in Germany and after coming to the new world in 1873 followed various pursuits in Muscatine. At the present time, however, he is living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. The period of his residence here covers thirty-seven years and he is widely recognized as a substantial and respected citizen of the community. He is a devoted member of the Lutheran church, in the faith of which his wife passed away on the 16th of May, 1910, when about seventy-seven years of age. They were the parents of five children, namely: William, who still makes his home in Prenzlau, Germany; Charles, of Muscatine, Iowa; Minnie, the wife of John Vetter, of Muscatine; Tena, the widow of Jacob Bronner; and Paul W., of this review.

The last named was reared in the city of his nativity and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. When a youth of sixteen he began learning the machinist's trade, which occupation he has followed continuously since with gratifying success. In 1897 he formed a partnership with Frank Stohr and opened a machine shop, having since done a general line of machine work under the firm style of Stohr & Freund. Carefully watching every detail of the business, his management has led to substantial growth in his trade relations and the enterprise is a valuable factor in the business circles of the city inasmuch as it furnishes employment to a number of skilled workmen.

On the 27th of June, 1900, Mr. Freund was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Freyermuth, a native of Muscatine, Iowa, and a daughter of Henry and Christina (Smith) Freyermuth. They now have three children: Laura, Paul and William.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Freund has cast his ballot in support of the men and measures of the democracy. Fraternally he is identified with the Elks and the Masons, belonging to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of Grace Lutheran church. They reside at No. 312 West Fifth street, where Mr. Freund erected a good home about 1905. Having always lived in Muscatine, they are well known here and the circle of their friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances.

GEORGE A. CHAUDOIN.

George A. Chaudoin, who since April, 1907, has been in business on his own account as an electrician of Muscatine, furnishing all kinds of electrical supplies, is the owner of a well equipped establishment at No. 223 West Second street. He has lived in Muscatine from his birth to the present time, his natal day being February 12, 1875. His parents, Albert T. and Kate (Kinsley) Chaudoin, were likewise natives of this city. Jesse Chaudoin, the paternal grandfather, was a native of France but emigrated to the United States in early manhood. He resided in Indiana for a time but in 1854 came to Muscatine, here working as a stonemason and contractor. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted for service as a member of the Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and while in the south died of fever, thus laying down his life on the altar of his adopted country. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Sweeney, still survives him and makes her home with her son, E. B., in Riceville, Iowa. They were the parents of four sons and a daughter, namely: Albert T., Louis, Emery, Edward B. and Elizabeth.

Albert T. Chaudoin, the father of George A. Chaudoin, was a carpenter, contractor and builder by trade and spent his entire life in the city of Muscatine, being widely recognized as one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. His demise occurred in 1892, when he had attained the age of forty-five years. He was a devoted and consistent member of the Presbyterian church, while his first wife, who bore the maiden name of Kate Kinsley, belonged to the United Brethren church. She was called to her final rest in 1882 when about thirty-three years of age. She had two children, George A. and Bert L. For his second wife Albert T. Chaudoin chose Miss Mary Tierney, by whom he had four children, two of whom died in infancy. The surviving children are Lelah and Frank.

George A. Chaudoin was reared in Muscatine and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. After putting aside his text-books he began working in a sawmill and later secured employment in the sash and door works of the Huttig Manufacturing Company. In 1894 he entered the service of the Citizens Railway & Electric Light Company, remaining with that corporation for twelve years. On the expiration of that period he became connected with the Jackson Electrical Supply Company and in April, 1907, purchased the electrical department of that concern, having since conducted it alone. He furnishes all kinds of electrical supplies and has built up a good business. He keeps in touch with the notable progress that is manifest in the electrical world and is qualified to

put his knowledge and ideas into practical use in the conduct of the business in which he is now engaged.

On the 21st of February, 1906, Mr. Chaudoin was united in marriage to Miss Laura Link, a native of South Muscatine and a daughter of Henry Link, who was born in Germany and became an early settler of this county. He still resides within its borders. Unto him and his wife were born five children, namely: Andrew, Frank, Carrie, Emma and Laura.

Politically Mr. Chaudoin is a stalwart advocate of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Maccabees, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Wyoming Lodge, No. 76, K. P. He is a Presbyterian in religious faith, while his wife belongs to the Catholic church. Their home is at No. 1112 Iowa street, where Mr. Chaudoin owns a fine residence. They are well known throughout the community which has always been their home and have won a host of warm friends.

JAMES S. PATTEN.

James S. Patten, who has lived retired in Muscatine for the past twenty-three years, has been a resident of this city for six decades and was for a number of years successfully engaged in business as a lumber dealer. His birth occurred in Mount Gilead, Marion county, Ohio, on the 25th of January, 1826, his parents being Thomas and Elizabeth (Porter) Patten, who were natives of Scotland and Pennsylvania respectively. The father, who was reared on a farm in Scotland, emigrated to the United States in early manhood and took up his abode in Pennsylvania. He was married in Philadelphia and went with his bride to Marion county, Ohio, where he entered land and took up the occupation of farming. During the war of 1812 he served as an officer, loyally defending the interests of his adopted country. He lived to attain the ripe old age of eighty-four years, passing away in Marion county, Ohio, in the faith of the Presbyterian church, of which his wife was also a member. The latter survived him and was eighty-six years of age when called to her final rest. They were the parents of ten children, six sons and four daughters, as follows: Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Elijah Ricketts; Joseph, who has passed away; Mary, who gave her hand in marriage to John Longstreth; Tamsen, who is deceased; James S., of this review; Thomas and William, who have likewise passed away; John, a resident of Mount Gilead, Ohio; Robert, deceased; and Jennie, who is the widow of Zell Owen and makes her home in Florida.

James S. Patten was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Ohio and obtained his early education in the old-fashioned subscription schools, while subsequently he continued his studies in the district schools and later entered Iberia College at Iberia, Ohio. He next followed the profession of teaching for one year, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. In the spring of 1850 he came to Muscatine, Iowa, and began the manufacture of sash and doors, conducting an enterprise of that character for five years. On

the expiration of that period he embarked in the lumber business and successfully carried on his interests in this connection for a number of years. In 1887, however, he put aside active business cares and has since lived in honorable retirement, his competence being sufficient to supply him with all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. He owns a handsome residence at No. 406 Iowa avenue and has long been numbered among the most substantial and respected citizens of Muscatine.

On the 5th of May, 1853, Mr. Patten was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Neidig, a native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Isaac and Susan (Miller) Neidig, who were likewise born in the Keystone state, the latter passing away there. Isaac Neidig came to Iowa in 1850 and was for a number of years actively engaged in business as a lumber dealer and grocery merchant of Muscatine. His demise here occurred when he was about eighty-five years of age. Unto him and his wife were born four daughters and a son, namely: Sarah A., Mary, Elizabeth, Susan and Samuel. Mr. and Mrs. Patten became the parents of three children. Ellsworth Clay, now deceased, was engaged in the lumber business in Des Moines at the time of his death, which occurred when he was but twenty-four years of age. May Villa, who keeps house for her father, preached in the Methodist church for a number of years. Henry Milton, a resident of Des Moines, is engaged in business as a money loaner. He wedded Mabel Jackson, a sister of Judge D. V. Jackson, and is the father of one son, John Sinclair Patten. Mrs. Sarah A. Patten was called to her final rest on the 5th of November, 1902, when seventy years of age, passing away in the faith of the Methodist church.

In politics Mr. Patten is a staunch republican and for one term he ably represented the third ward in the city council. The cause of education has ever found in him a warm friend and for seventeen years he did effective service in its behalf as a member of the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and DeMolay Commandery, No. 1, K. T. He has reached the venerable age of eighty-five years and in the evening of life can look back upon a well spent, useful and honorable career.

GEORGE EICHENAUER.

George Eichenauer, a cigar manufacturer and dealer of Muscatine, who has built up a large business through his energy and perseverance, was born in this city, January 12, 1858, a son of Conrad and Elizabeth (Kurtz) Eichenauer, both of whom were born in Germany. The father, as a young man, decided to cast his lot among strangers, believing that he could succeed better under conditions different from those which prevail in the thickly populated country where he was born. Accordingly he came to America and in 1854 began his battle with the world by driving a dray in Muscatine, later becoming a driver of a street sprinkler and engaging in general teaming. He was an industrious man of good character

and for a time it appeared as though his ambitions would be realized, but in 1868, at the age of forty-five years, he was called away. Mrs. Eichenauer survived her husband thirty-seven years and departed this life at the age of seventy-three, in 1905. They were both members of the Lutheran church. There were four children in their family: George; Anna; Charles, of Muscatine; and Johnnie, deceased.

George Eichenauer was educated in the public schools, although obliged to work to assist in supporting the family even in his boyhood. At ten years of age he began to learn the tobacco business as a stripper, going to work at four o'clock in the morning and working late in the evening after leaving school. Later he learned the cigarmaker's trade, which he followed for many years as a journeyman. In 1897 he entered the cigar-making business for himself and has since continued in this line with marked success. Being a man of pleasing address, he has built up a fine patronage and made his establishment one of the most flourishing of the kind in the city.

On the 12th of September, 1888, Mr. Eichenauer was united in marriage to Miss Katie Gergen, a daughter of Gangolf and Catherine Gergen, both of whom were natives of Germany. They were early settlers of Muscatine and are now deceased. Five of their children are now living: Anna, the wife of Henry Meredith, of Davenport; Katie, now Mrs. Eichenauer; Clara, the wife of William Meerdink, of Muscatine; George, also of Muscatine; and Amelia, the wife of Frank Welch. Mr. and Mrs. Eichenauer are the parents of three children, Charles, William and Fred.

Mr. Eichenauer is not identified with any religious denomination but his wife is a staunch adherent of the Presbyterian church. He holds membership in Eagle Lodge, No. 10, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Tent No. 9, Knights of the Maccabees, being also identified with the Merchants Life Insurance Company of Burlington. Politically he is independent, often voting for the man irrespective of the party he represents. He and his family are now living in a comfortable home at No. 1309 Cedar street, which he erected in 1890. Mr. Eichenauer is an independent citizen who by a life of industry has won his way to an honorable position among his business associates. The success he has attained is a striking illustration of the possibilities that await any young man who is willing to deny himself during his earlier years in order to possess an abundance later in life.

JOSEPH WORRELL EELLS.

Joseph Worrell Eells, an able attorney of the Muscatine bar, was born in Woodville, Hancock county, Illinois, August 31, 1858, and is a representative of an old New England family. His grandfather, Samuel Eells, was a native of Connecticut and in that state his father, Dudley B. Eells, was also born. The latter became a minister of the Congregational church. When about ten years of age he had accompanied his parents on their removal to the west, the family home being established near Payson, Adams county, Illinois, where he was reared to manhood and where he now resides. He was married to Miss Camilla Cooke, a

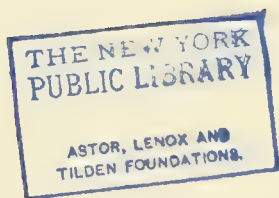
native of New York and a daughter of Dr. Joseph Cooke, a physician by profession, who was born in Massachusetts. He, too, became one of the pioneer settlers of Illinois, establishing his home in Hancock county, where he died at an advanced age. The death of his daughter, Mrs. Camilla Eells, occurred in Ontario, California, in 1902, when she was sixty-six years of age. At the time of the Civil war the Rev. Dudley B. Eells served as a chaplain in the Union army. Unto him and his wife were born seven children who reached mature years, five sons and two daughters: Rev. Emery S., of Grandview, Iowa; Dr. Clarence W., who is a resident of Denver, Colorado; Louis W., living in Crocker, Iowa; Rev. A. M., of Dodge City, Kansas; Joseph Worrell, of this review; Evelyn, the wife of Frank Van Meter of Trenton, Missouri; and Lola, who is the wife of Dr. W. S. Simpson and resides in Des Moines, Iowa. They also lost two children, Charles and Ella E., in early life.

Joseph W. Eells spent his youth in various parts of Iowa, owing to the fact that his father's service as minister of the church led to various removals of the family. He supplemented his early education by study in the Denmark Academy and in Iowa College. Subsequently he engaged in teaching for several years and in 1884 was admitted to the bar, having during his leisure hours as a teacher mastered the principles of jurisprudence. For ten years after his admission he occupied the position of traveling attorney for the Iowa Mortgage Company of Muscatine. In 1894 he was elected clerk of the district court and his capability in office is indicated in the fact that he was reelected in 1896 and again in 1898, so that his incumbency covered six years. He is now president of the board of commissioners of insanity. His public duties have ever been discharged in a most capable and acceptable manner, winning for him the high regard and approval of all concerned.

On the 10th of June, 1897, Mr. Eells was married to Miss Esther Smalley, a daughter of Abraham and Eliza E. Smalley, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Eells are prominent in the social circles of the city and their home is noted for a gracious and tactful hospitality.

W. O. FRITCHMAN.

W. O. Fritchman, the proprietor of Oak Lawn farm, is well known in stock circles of Muscatine, his activities as an importer and breeder of high grade sheep and chickens causing him to be recognized as one of the most prominent stockmen of the county. Born in Buffalo Prairie, Rock Island county, Illinois, on the 11th of March, 1858, he is a son of Adam and Margaret (McGrew) Fritchman, both natives of Pennsylvania. The father was born in Carlisle, February 29, 1824, and the mother in Westmoreland county, near Irwin Station, in 1826. They were reared and married in the Keystone state and came west to Illinois in 1855, taking up their home in Rockland county. The year 1867 witnessed their arrival in Muscatine and this remained their home until 1895, when they removed to Cedar county, Iowa, where their remaining days were spent. The father was a farmer by occupation and at one time owned a farm of one







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hundred and seventy-five acres in Bloomington township, three and a half miles north of Muscatine, which property remained in the possession of the family for forty years. He passed away on the 27th of January, 1907, having survived his wife for about three years, her demise occurring on the 8th of February, 1904. Their family consisted of six children, as follows: Nancy L., the wife of Lindley Hale of West Liberty, Iowa; Amanda, who wedded Homer Catell and resides near Des Moines; Catherine, who passed away at the age of twenty-four years; W. O., of this review; John, of California; and one who died in infancy.

W. O. Fritchman spent the first nine years of his life in the place of his nativity, after which he came with his parents to Muscatine, and his education, which had been begun in Rock Island county, Illinois, was completed in the schools of Muscatine county, Iowa. Amid the busy activities of farm life, too, he learned practical lessons concerning the value of industry, energy and perseverance, and he soon mastered the fundamental principles of agriculture so that, after laying aside his text-books he was able to give valuable assistance to his father in the work of the fields. Upon attaining his majority he continued to follow the occupation to which he had been reared, although in later years he had devoted the greater part of his time and attention to his stock-raising interests. He purchased from his father the farm of one hundred and seventy-five acres in Bloomington township which remained in his father's and his possession for forty years. This continued to be his home until 1908, when he sold it and purchased his present place of thirty acres adjoining the corporation limits of Muscatine on the north. It is located at the end of Mulberry avenue and is known as Oak Lawn Stock Farm, devoted entirely to the raising of sheep and chickens. He makes a specialty of light Brama chickens which have been bred exclusively for thirty years from the best strains, and the specimens found upon his place are noted for their unusual size and excellent quality. He is also an importer and breeder of registered Shropshire sheep of the most fashionable strains, and the high degree of merit of his stock is indicated by the fact that he has bred and produced the champion rams at a large number of the state fairs throughout the country. The prominence which he has gained in the stock circles all over this country and Canada has made him an authority upon subjects pertaining to his specialties and the excellence of his products make the name of the Oak Lawn Stock Farm well known and popular throughout the entire country.

It was on the 6th of January, 1882, that Mr. Fritchman laid the foundation for a happy home life by his marriage to Miss L. Maggie Adams, who was born in Muscatine on the 12th of February, 1857. Her parents, A. F. and Margaret Adams, came to Muscatine county from Ohio in 1855 and here spent their remaining days. Her father was a member of the well known firm of Adams & Wiles, manufacturers of plows and wagons at Muscatine. He died March 11, 1888, and his wife passed away in December, 1889, both being buried at Muscatine. In their family were five children: Samuel, now deceased; William D. and Elizabeth L., both residents of Muscatine; Alfred B., of Washington, Iowa; and L. Maggie. Mr. and Mrs. Fritchman traveled life's journey happily together for almost a quarter of a century and then were separated by the death of the wife, who passed away on the 4th of June, 1906.

Interested as all American citizens should be in the political situation of the country, Mr. Fritchman has thoroughly informed himself concerning the questions and issues of the day and gives stalwart support to the republican party. His political service, however, is that of a private citizen, for he has never sought nor desired to figure in public office, his personal affairs demanding his entire time and attention. He nevertheless has the welfare of his community at heart and does all in his power to further its growth and development. He is rightly numbered among those who have been prominent in the development of stock interests in Muscatine county, for his efforts have been potent elements in raising the standard of stock in this state, particularly along the line of his specialties.

FRANK J. EPPEL.

Frank J. Eppel, senior member of the Eppel-Schlosser Company, plumbing and heating, and a well known citizen of Muscatine, was born in Iowa City, Iowa, October 4, 1862. He is a son of Adam and Catharine (Haas) Eppel, the former of whom was born in German and the latter in Iowa. The father received a fine education in his native land and taught school as a young man but was attracted to America and settled in Iowa City, where he engaged in the grocery business for some years. Later he became a bookkeeper and expert accountant. He died from the effects of pneumonia in 1883 at the age of forty-seven years. Mrs. Eppel is still living and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. Slavata, of Iowa City. She is a member of the Catholic church as was also her husband. Valentine Eppel, the paternal grandfather, lived and died in Germany. There were four sons in his family, Adam, John, Max and Ludwig. The maternal grandfather was Francis N. Haas, who married Margaret Stapp, and they became pioneers of Iowa City, where they died about twenty-five years ago. They were the parents of four children: Catharine; Helen, the wife of Joseph Cerny; Adelia; and John A. Unto Adam and Catharine Eppel six children were born: Frank J., our subject; Clara, the wife of Charles Slavata, of Iowa City; Adelia, the wife of John Chopek, also of Iowa City; John A., of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Louis, of Iowa City; and Helen, now Mrs. Simon Graf, of Iowa City.

Frank J. Eppel was reared in his native town and educated in the public schools. He was early taught the necessity and value of labor and began his business career in a soda water factory, continuing there for fifteen years. Finally, desiring to see something of the world, he went to Denver, Colorado, and spent one year. In 1890 he came to Muscatine and became identified with the Barry Manufacturing Company, in whose employ he continued for twelve and one-half years, when the company sold out to the Corry & Wernentine Company, and he remained with the new owners until November, 1907, when he became connected with the plumbing and heating business. He is associated with L. P. Schlosser under the firm name of the Eppel-Schlosser Company, and the business has been conducted with an ability and progressiveness that ever produce satisfactory results, the firm being recognized as one of the most substantial and reliable of its kind in the city.

On the 7th of May, 1890, Mr. Eppel was united in marriage to Miss Mary Ribak, a daughter of Frank J. and Mary Ribak, both of whom were born in Bohemia. They were early settlers of Richmond, Iowa, where Mrs. Eppel was born. The father and mother are both deceased, the former having been called away at the age of eighty-seven years, in 1909. Four children constituted their family, namely: Frank J., John F., Philomina and Mary A. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Eppel: Vincent, Max, Helen, Mary and Edna. The second son, Max, died when about one year old.

Mr. and Mrs. Eppel are valued members of St. Mathias Catholic church and assist to the extent of their ability in forwarding the best interests of that church. Mr. Eppel is prominent in fraternal circles, being a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Improved Order of Red Men and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Politically he is a staunch supporter of the democratic party and assists in advancing the interest of its candidates. That his services have been recognized is shown by the fact that he served for five years as alderman for the third ward. In the course of his official career he was able to promote many measures which have been of practical advantage to the city. He is endowed with genial qualities of a high order and has made many friends in Muscatine. As a business man he is energetic, competent and trustworthy and has won the respect of the best citizens of his home city.

FREDERICK WILLIAM EVERSMEYER.

Of the native sons of Muscatine Frederick William Eversmeyer, senior member of the law firm of F. W. & Louise Eversmeyer, is widely and favorably known. In addition to practicing as an attorney he is prominently identified with the real-estate, loan and insurance interests. Energetic and reliable in everything he undertakes, he has made steady progress as a lawyer and business man.

He was born in Muscatine, October 10, 1871, and is a son of Bernhard Heinrich and Magdalena (Kuechmann) Eversmeyer, the former of whom was born in Prussia and the latter in Hessen-Kassel, Germany. They came to America in the same ship in 1850 by way of New Orleans and on their way up the Mississippi river their vessel was frozen in a few miles below St. Louis. Mr. Eversmeyer attended school in St. Louis in the winter in order to learn the English language and arrived in Muscatine in 1853, his future wife having preceded him to this city by two years. They were married in 1853 and Mr. Eversmeyer began business here in the employ of the B. Hershey Lumber Company. He later engaged in teaming and contracting and was street commissioner in 1872 and 1874. In the latter year he established a real-estate, loan and insurance business on Iowa avenue, which prospered well under his management and in which he continued until his death, May 8, 1891, when he was about sixty-seven years of age. His wife was called away August 15, 1908, at the age of seventy-four years. They were members of the German Methodist church, of which he was a staunch supporter, serving as one of the elders and as local preacher for about twelve years. Before coming to this country he served in the war of 1848 in Germany. After

his arrival he was for a number of years a republican but later in life he changed his political views and became a strong advocate of the principles of the democratic party.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was a farmer in Germany and was the head of a large family, his children being Frederick, Marie Sophia, Johann Christoph, Bernard Heinrich, Hermann Heinrich, Carl August and Carl Heinrich. The maternal grandfather was Werner Kuechmann, a native of Hessen-Kassel, Germany. He died of lung fever when about thirty years of age. His wife was Anna Marie Siebert, who came to America with her only child, Magdalena, and departed this life in Muscatine at the age of seventy-six years. To the union of Bernhard and Magdalena Eversmeyer nine children were born: one who died in infancy; Anna Marie, the wife of George R. Leffingwell; Katharine Louise, John Henry, Christian Heinrich, Martha Magdalena, deceased at two years of age; Carl August, who died at the age of about two years; Frederick William, our subject; and Benjamin Ernst.

Frederick W. Eversmeyer received his early education in the public schools and in the Muscatine Business College. Later he became a student in the law department of the State University of Iowa, graduating in 1896, with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar the same year and began practicing in Muscatine. In 1898 Katharine Louise Eversmeyer, a sister of our subject, graduated from the law department of the State University of Iowa and began practice in partnership with her brother John, they having also purchased their father's business. They continued together until May 1, 1910, when she withdrew from the firm and became associated with her brother Frederick W. under the title of F. W. & Louise Eversmeyer. Mr. Eversmeyer has been highly successful at the bar and among his clients are a number of the best business firms of Muscatine. He is a safe adviser and as a lawyer he has shown a capacity that gives large promise for the future. He is also actively identified with the real-estate, loan and insurance business and is vice president of the Batterson stores and director of the German-American Savings Bank. In addition to these interests he is connected with the Capital & Merchants & Bankers Insurance Company of Des Moines.

On the 28th of June, 1910, Mr. Eversmeyer was united in marriage to Miss Harriet B. Kemptner, a daughter of Edward G. and Eliza G. (Lewis) Kemptner, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Kemptner were early settlers of Muscatine, the mother having arrived here in 1851, and they are still living in this city. Mr. Kemptner was a soldier in the Civil war, serving in the First Iowa Volunteers and later in the Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteers. There were seven children in their family: Samuel, Catharine Christina, Ewing Lewis, Isabelle, Mary Anna, Jennie and Harriet B. Samuel and Jennie died in early childhood. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Eversmeyer was Samuel G. Lewis, a native of Pennsylvania, who came to Iowa in 1851 and died in Muscatine as he landed here. His wife was Mary (Fischer) Lewis, and they were the parents of five children: John M., Ewing B., Ruth, Eliza G. and William.

Mr. Eversmeyer is not identified with any religious denomination, although his wife holds membership in the United Brethren church. He affiliates with

the republican party and served as justice of the peace from 1901 to 1906 inclusive, discharging his duties in such a way as to receive the approval of persons of all political parties. Fraternally he is connected with Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M. He is also connected with the Brotherhood of American Yeomen and Muscatine Lodge, No. 304, B. P. O. E. He is at the present time president of the Huttig hose company. He has been identified with the business life of Muscatine since February, 1890, when he entered his father's office as clerk, and professionally has been active in Muscatine since 1896. He is a man of varied abilities and, being the possessor of an abundance of energy and grit, is pushing rapidly to the front. His acquaintance is constantly extending and it is greatly to his credit that his best friends are those who have known him ever since his boyhood.

HON. GEORGE MARION TITUS.

Hon. George Marion Titus is justly accorded a place among the prominent and representative citizens of Iowa, for he belongs to that class of men whose enterprising spirit is used not alone for their own benefit. He also advances the general good and promotes public prosperity by his ably managed individual interests. While his real life work has been that of the practice of law, he has also successfully conducted a real-estate, loan and insurance business and has been the promoter of many organized projects which have a direct bearing upon the upbuilding and substantial growth of the city and state. A native of New York, Mr. Titus was born in Cayuga county, May 19, 1856, and is of English lineage. His paternal grandfather, Garrett Titus, was also a native of the Empire state and devoted his life to the occupation of farming. He married Eliza Green and died in Cayuga county, New York, near Cato, when fifty-seven years of age. His widow afterward came to the west in 1871 and spent her last days in Muscatine county. Her death occurred in 1873 when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-one years. She was his second wife and Allen G. Titus, the father of George M. Titus, was the only child of that union. Garrett Titus had been previously married and had four children: Charles, Elliott, Wicks and Ann.

Allen G. Titus was born in Cayuga county, New York, was reared to farm life and, on reaching manhood, determined to continue in the same line of business. For a considerable period he was identified with agricultural interests in the Empire state and while there residing was united in marriage to Miss Mary J. Rhoades, who was also born in Cayuga county and was of English descent. Her parents were James and Martha Rhoades, who were likewise born in New York and spent their last days in Weedsport, that state, passing away at the ages of eighty-nine and seventy-seven years respectively. They had a large family, including: Leonard, Minerva, Rachel, Ann, Mary J., Almon, Jabez, George, Julia and Emily Rhoades. Of these Jabez and George were soldiers of the Civil war.

Following their marriage Allen G. and Mary J. (Rhoades) Titus took up their abode in their native county and were identified with its farming interests until 1866 when they removed to Shiawassee county, Michigan, and in 1871 removed to Iowa and settled first near Durant in Cedar county. Later they established their home in Sweetland township, Muscatine county, and afterward lived a year in Bloomington. In March, 1909, they removed to Grant, Michigan, where they are now living, Mr. Titus having reached the age of eighty-five years, while his wife is eighty-one years of age. Both are members of the Baptist church. Their family numbered four sons and a daughter: Raymond J., also a resident of Grant, Michigan; Wicks R., a resident of California; Julia E., deceased; George M., and Charles A., who has passed away.

George M. Titus lived in Cayuga county, New York, to the age of eleven years and in 1866 went with his parents to Shiawassee county, Michigan, where he entered the high school of Corunna. He also attended the Wilton Collegiate Institute. In the meantime he began teaching school at the age of fifteen years, following that profession for seven terms in Michigan. In 1876 he entered upon the study of law in Wilton and further continued his preparation for the bar in Muscatine as a law student in the office of Allen Broomhall until his admission to the bar in 1880. He then began practice in Mr. Broomhall's office in this city. Advancement at the bar is proverbially slow, yet no long and dreary novitiate awaited Mr. Titus. Steadily he worked his way upward, his ability gaining him recognition in a liberal clientage. In December, 1882, Judge De Witt C. Richman resigned his position on the bench of the district court and they formed a partnership under the style of Richman & Titus, a connection that was maintained until February, 1886, when their business relations were discontinued. Mr. Titus was then joined by Judge D. V. Jackson in forming the firm of Titus & Jackson and they were thus associated until Mr. Jackson was elected district judge. Mr. Titus has since engaged in practice alone, but has associated with him his son, George Raymond, and Jacob P. Schomberg, in the real-estate, loan and insurance business. His ability as an attorney and counselor places him in the front rank of the legal profession in Muscatine county. The zeal with which he has devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard evinced for the interests of his clients, and assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases have brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. His arguments have elicited warm commendation not only from his associates at the bar but also from the bench. His briefs always show wide research, careful thought and the best and strongest reasons which can be urged for his contention, presented in cogent and logical form and illustrated by a style unusually lucid and clear. Aside from the practice of law he is known in business circles as a director of the Muscatine State Bank, one of the strongest financial institutions of the middle west.

In other connections Mr. Titus has also been closely associated with public interests. In politics he is a republican, recognized as one of the leaders of his party in this district. He was elected state senator and served during the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth general assemblies, during which period he became widely known as the author of a resolution that was styled the "Titus Amend-

ment"—an amendment to the state constitution, the purpose of which was to change the elections from annual to biennial. The measure passed the two general assemblies and was supported by a majority of thirty thousand, but was passed upon adversely by the supreme court owing to the reason that it had not been properly enrolled in the house journal. It was afterward again passed by the twenty-ninth and thirtieth general assemblies and again by vote of the people received a majority of twenty-three thousand and became one of the state laws. Mr. Titus was also selected by the State Library Association to present the library commission bill which was passed by the twenty-eighth general assembly. The influence of this will be felt by generations to come and Iowa now is said to stand at the head of the list in the number of its libraries throughout the state. Mr. Titus was likewise instrumental in securing the passage of a measure prohibiting the manufacture of buttons and tubs in the state penitentiaries. He took a deep interest in legislation in the interests of labor and is recognized as a stalwart friend and champion by the labor element throughout the state. By reason of his record in the state senate Mr. Titus was urged by many influential men to become a candidate for governor of the state of Iowa, and the Council Bluffs Nonpareil published an article, together with his picture strongly urging him to become a candidate for that office, and a number of other influential papers of the state published similar articles.

Mr. Titus' efforts have been equally effective and valuable in his support of measures and projects for the welfare and upbuilding of this city. The development of Muscatine has always been a matter dear to his heart and his public and private acts have constituted an element in the city's growth and progress. He organized the Muscatine North & South Railroad and the Muscatine Bridge Company and was the first to suggest the Kansas City Cut-off of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, extending the line of that road from Ottumwa to Davenport. As this work was prosecuted the first station west of Washington was named in his honor. He was one of the three original promoters of the project to transform the horse car system of Muscatine to an electric system and in many other ways he has contributed to the upbuilding of the city through the promotion of her public enterprises.

On the 1st of June, 1881, Mr. Titus was married to Miss Ella Broomhall, a daughter of Allen Broomhall, and they had three children: Harriet E., George Raymond, who is in business with his father; and Gertrude E., who is attending Oberlin College. The mother, who died May 5, 1907, at the age of forty-eight years, was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. On the 10th of October, 1909, Mr. Titus married Miss Hannah Jefferson Hutchinson. Both Mr. and Mrs. Titus are devoted members of the Presbyterian church in which he has served as an elder for thirty years, while to the support of the church he is a liberal contributor. He has attained high rank in Masonry, belonging to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; Muscatine Council, R. & S. M.; DeMolay Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Zarephath Consistory, S. P. R. S.; Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine. He is also connected with Eagle Lodge, No. 10, A. O. U. W. He is serving as a member of the board of trustees of the P. M. Musser Public Library. The concensus of opinion on the part of his

fellowmen establishes his position in the public regard. Throughout Muscatine and Iowa he is spoken of in terms of admiration and respect. His life has been varied in its activity, honorable in its purpose, far-reaching and beneficial in its efforts and has thus become an integral part of the history of the city and has left its impress upon the annals of the state.

JUDGE WILLIAM F. BRANNAN.

Among the lawyers whose names are inseparably connected with the history of Iowa none will be remembered with a more profound respect than Judge William F. Brannan, deceased. Coming to Muscatine in the pioneer days, he soon gained a prominent place in the estimation of the people and for fifty years was active in the promotion of every worthy cause. As a lawyer he ranked with the brightest Iowa has ever known and as an impartial judge upon the bench he had few peers, his legal learning and broad comprehension of principles of law, combined with clear discernment and sound common sense, making him an ideal jurist.

The record of his life covers almost eighty-six years. He was born in Washington, D. C., September 24, 1824, and was a son of John and Mary (McLeod) Brannan, natives of Ireland, who came to this country early in the nineteenth century and located at Washington city. He received his preliminary education at McLeod's Academy and his first employment was as messenger in the pension department of the government, with which his father was connected. At sixteen years of age he entered the Globe printing office as an apprentice, continuing his studies in the academy. In 1843 he secured a position as teacher at Hagerstown, Maryland, and later was employed as private tutor in prominent families of Hagerstown. While thus engaged he began the study of law, having determined to devote his life to a professional career. In 1846, at the age of twenty-two years, he was admitted to the bar but, having acquired an interest in the Hagerstown Mail, he served as its editor for some time, finally selling out and soon afterward being appointed auditor of the court of chancery. It was while serving in that position that he began the practice of a profession in which he was destined to become distinguished. However, on account of failing health a change of climate became desirable and he decided to cast his fortune with the west, coming to Muscatine, Iowa, in May, 1855, where he opened a law office, and before the close of twelve months was recognized as one of the brightest attorneys in this region of the country.

His first public preferment came to him in 1856, when he was nominated by the democratic party as a member of the convention to revise the constitution of the state. The republican majority in the county at that time was two hundred, but he succeeded in reducing this majority to ten. In 1858 he was elected the first county superintendent of the schools of Muscatine county and organized the school system of this county. At the close of his term his law practice had grown to such an extent that it was necessary for him to decline reelection. He was also appointed trustee of the University of Iowa and inaugurated the movement for



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coeducation, which became successful four years after his retirement. In 1869 and also in 1884 he was a candidate for the supreme bench on the democratic ticket and while he was defeated he came nearer being elected than any other democratic candidate for that office in the history of the state up to that time. In the early days he was quite prominent in the councils of his party and was a delegate to the democratic national convention that nominated Horatio Seymour for president in 1868 and also to the national convention at Chicago in 1884 which nominated Grover Cleveland for the first time. In recognition of his high standing he was named as one of the vice presidents of the latter convention. In the early '70s he permitted his name to be used as a candidate for congress and was defeated only by a narrow margin. It was two years later, in 1872, that his name became identified with the district bench. J. Scott Richman having resigned from the bench, the lawyers of the district met at Davenport and unanimously recommended the appointment of Judge Brannan to fill the vacancy. Although he was a democrat, he was appointed to this position within less than a week by Governor Carpenter, a republican, and at the time of the election was elected to serve out the term though the district was heavily republican. He was chosen for a full term in 1874, his name appearing on the tickets of both parties, as he refused to run as a partisan candidate. The custom he then inaugurated has prevailed ever since that time and judicial elections in the seventh judicial district have been taken out of the realms of politics.

A year after his reelection Judge Brannan resigned from the bench to resume the practice of law under the firm name of Brannan & Jayne, the junior member being Henry Jayne, who studied law in Judge Brannan's office and had been admitted to partnership with him in the latter part of the '60s. William Hoffman was taken into the firm, the title becoming Brannan, Jayne & Hoffman. This firm gained prominence and had charge of a great deal of important litigation in state and federal courts. Judge Brannan was not permitted by his friends to remain in private practice, as he was again elected to the district bench in 1886 and continued in that position without interruption for sixteen years, retiring in 1902, at the close of his term, after announcing that he would not again be a candidate. He was succeeded by Judge D. V. Jackson, of Muscatine. At a meeting of the bar association of the seventh district held at Davenport, in June, 1902, the convention unanimously adopted resolutions thanking Judge Brannan for his services and commending him in very high terms. These resolutions were as follows and indicate the esteem in which he was held by his brethren at the bar:

"Whereas, Hon. William F. Brannan has devoted the best energies of his life to the fulfillment of the duties of district judge and has at all times been conscientious, painstaking, honest and fearless in the cause of justice and has always been broadminded, liberal and impartial; and,

"Whereas, after many years of toil and labor he has now voluntarily asked to be relieved from further judicial service; **be it**

"Resolved by the district bar association in convention assembled that we do now most sincerely tender him a vote of thanks for his past services; that we acknowledge and record our love and esteem for him as a citizen, lawyer and jurist; that we now renew our expression of unlimited confidence in his ability, integrity and honesty."

Judge Brannan was one of the most widely known district judges in the state and, being possessed of an extraordinary amount of public spirit, he was well fitted to be one of the builders of the foundation upon which the commonwealth stands. He was the possessor of a remarkable memory and could remember not only the issue of the case but its title and oftentimes the very page upon which the opinion could be found. His opinions were favorably commented upon by the supreme court many times and were models of completeness and comprehensiveness. In his judgments he was rarely reversed and at one time in a Jasper county case the supreme court used Judge Brannan's opinion as its own, stating that it was clear and comprehensive and could not be improved upon. For these and other reasons he gained a prestige which few district judges have ever enjoyed. Early in his career he became interested in newspaper work and in after life often found time to apply himself in that direction. For years his office was adjacent to the old Muscatine News and during that time he did much of the editorial writing for that paper. He also contributed a series of articles to a Chicago paper on "Life in Washington in President Jackson's Time" and was the author of many other newspaper articles and sketches.

After his retirement from the bench Judge Brannan lived a quiet life in his adopted city, still, however, keeping up his reading and taking a deep interest in public affairs. For some months previous to his decease his health declined and he passed from earthly scenes February 12, 1910. Although of studious habits, he possessed fine social characteristics and no man more deeply enjoyed the companionship of family or friends. He was of a kindly, sympathetic nature, a lover of his home and his native country, and a citizen whom it was a delight to know and to honor. His memory will long be revered not only by a large circle of friends in Muscatine county but by many in other parts of the state and country who knew him.

Judge Brannan was married in Muscatine in 1879 to Mary Helen McColm, who is now living at the family home in Muscatine. Two children blessed this union: Will F. Brannan, Jr., of New York city; and Thomas H. Brannan, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He also left two stepchildren: J. Lee Ewing, now of Mangum, Oklahoma; and Mrs. Lura E. Tilton, of Bakersfield, California; and a daughter by a previous marriage, Mrs. Hector Geiger, of New York city.

MARK QUINN.

The business interests of Muscatine are growing in importance and attract men of ability and progressiveness who here find a lucrative field for the exercise of their talents. Of this number is Mark Quinn, dealer in men's furnishing goods. He was born in Galena, Illinois, January 26, 1859, a son of Michael and Bridget (Malloy) Quinn, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father came to America in young manhood and began his active career as clerk in the dry-goods store of A. T. Stewart, of New York city. In 1865 he located in Muscatine, Iowa, and was here engaged in the dry-goods business for many years

with S. A. Folk. He removed to Bay City, Michigan, where he entered the boot and shoe business and where he is now living retired at the age of ninety years. The beloved wife and mother was called from earthly scenes at the age of seventy-eight years, in 1905. She was a devout member of the Roman Catholic church as is also the father. Grandfather Quinn, who was a linen manufacturer of Ireland, emigrated to America and lived retired with his sons near Darlington, Wisconsin. He was the father of eight children, Michael, Patrick, Richard, James, Morgan, Timothy, William and Mrs. Stewart, of Wyota, Wisconsin. The maternal grandfather, John Malloy, was a landowner of Ireland. There were three children in his family: Bridget; John, deceased; and Mrs. Burke, of Brooklyn, New York. The home of Michael and Bridget Quinn was brightened by the arrival of four sons and four daughters, five of whom are now living: Maggie, the widow of A. A. Van Winkle; Josie, the wife of Henry Crotty, of Bay City, Michigan; Mark, our subject; Morgan B., of Denver, Colorado; and Delia.

Mark Quinn grew up in Muscatine and was educated in the public and parochial schools. He began his active career at eighteen years of age as a clerk in the store of J. H. C. Petersen, of Davenport, Iowa, and continued with Mr. Petersen for thirteen years. In 1887 he returned to Muscatine and became identified with the dry-goods store of Ben Lilly, continuing for thirteen or fourteen years in that position. He then went on the road and sold goods for L. Mane & Company, of New York city, but after five years' experience as a traveling man decided to settle down on his own account and accordingly he opened up a men's furnishing goods establishment, of which he is now the head. It is one of the most attractive stores of the kind in Muscatine and, being excellently managed, yields liberal returns upon the investment.

On the 15th day of February, 1882, Mr. Quinn was happily united in marriage to Miss Ida L. Nierel, a daughter of Isadore and Matilda (Engelman) Nierel, who were early settlers in Muscatine. Her father was born May 10, 1827, in Posen, Prussia, originally a part of Poland, and during his youth came to this country, settling in Allentown, Pennsylvania. On the 22d of February, 1856, he was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Engelman, who was born in Allentown, in 1837, a daughter of Daniel and Louise Marx (Dannert) Engelman. Her mother was a native of Reading, Pennsylvania. Mr. Engelman was a miller by trade but was also engaged in the queensware business in Allentown. It was in 1857 that Mr. Nierel came to Iowa and settled in Muscatine, where he engaged in the jewelry business on West Second street. He had the distinction of being the oldest jeweler in Iowa, being engaged in business for over fifty years in Muscatine. He departed this life when he was nearly eighty years old, his wife having been called away previously. Three of their children are now living: Ida L., now Mrs. Quinn; Norbert; and B. J. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Quinn three children have been born: Ruby W., now a correspondent in Chicago; Eva May, who died in 1900 at the age of fifteen years; and Newton N., an engraver and jeweler.

Mr. Quinn is a member of the Knights of Columbus and also of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Mystic Workers of the World. He and his wife hold membership in St. Mathias' Catholic church. Politically he affiliates with the republican party and is a staunch supporter of its principles. Mr. and

Mrs. Quinn occupy a well appointed home at No. 1513 Mulberry avenue, which is the center of hospitality where their friends may always be assured of a cordial greeting. Surrounded by evidences of comfort and ease, they are enjoying the results of wisely directed effort and at the same time assisting to the extent of their ability in promoting the happiness of others.

J. HERMAN MUNDT.

J. Herman Mundt is a native of Germany and has passed twenty-five years in Muscatine, gaining a reputation as one of its thoroughly competent and reliable citizens. He is a man of good discrimination and sound judgment, also possessing executive ability which is so necessary in the successful conduct of business affairs, and is now conducting a prosperous carriage and wagon manufactory.

He was born November 7, 1862, and is a son of Hans and Catharine (Klindt) Mundt, both of whom were born in Germany. The father came to America in 1866 and settled at Davenport, where he is still living. He began as a laborer and later operated a brickyard for eighteen years, finally becoming a successful farmer. In the old country he served in the regular army and the training which he then received proved of great benefit to him after he took up his abode among strangers. He has now reached the age of seventy-seven years and is retired. His wife was called away March 14, 1879, at the age of forty-six years. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Germany and was accidentally killed by being struck by a wagon tongue. Ten children were born to Hans and Catharine Mundt: Henry, of Davenport; Bertha, the widow of Frank Bradow, of Davenport; Catharine, who was the wife of John W. Buck of Davenport and is now deceased; J. Herman, our subject; William, now living near Hartley, Iowa; Minnie, who died at the age of three years; Emil, living near Everett, Iowa; Minnie (II), who died at the age of nineteen years; Albert, who died at twenty-seven years of age; and Rudolph, of Tama.

J. Herman Mundt was not quite four years old when he came with his parents to America. He was educated in the public schools of Davenport and began his business career by working in a brickyard. At nineteen years of age he began learning the carriage blacksmithing trade, with which he has ever since been identified. He came to Muscatine in 1885 and entered the employ of J. P. Ament, with whom he continued for a number of years. In 1894 he associated with David Vanatta in the carriage and implement business, which grew rapidly under their management. He acquired the interest of his partner in 1899 and discontinued the implement department, devoting his attention to the manufacture of carriages. In 1906 he removed to his present location at 414 East Third street and has since concentrated his energies with highly gratifying results to both carriage and wagon manufacturing, the establishment now being one of the most prosperous of its kind in eastern Iowa.

On the 24th of October, 1888, Mr. Mundt was united in marriage to Miss Henrietta B. Tuerk, of Muscatine, a daughter of John and Margaret Tuerk. The father was a native of Prussia and the mother of Bavaria, Germany. They were

early settlers of this city and were the parents of five children: George; Minnie; Henrietta; John, deceased; and Fred. Mr. and Mrs. Mundt have two children, Irma and Mildred, the former of whom is a graduate of the Muscatine high school and also of the Brown business College, in which she is now an assistant teacher.

Mrs. Mundt is a member of the Lutheran church and a staunch believer in the authority and inspiration of the Bible. Mr. Mundt politically is an adherent of the democratic party. From his youth upward he has been a worker, and the success he has attained is attributable to his own efforts. By concentration of his energies he early developed a strength of will which is so important in the battle with the world and which when wisely directed leads to the attainment of every laudable ambition.

FITCH WILLIAM SWAN.

The business interests of Muscatine find a worthy representative in Fitch William Swan, proprietor of an attractive jewelry establishment. He has based his business principles upon the rules which govern strict industry and unswerving integrity and in the legitimate lines of trade, by reason of an enterprising spirit and progressive method, has gradually advanced toward the goal of success. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, July 8, 1850, and is one of the six children of Nathan F. and Juliet F. (Smith) Swan, both of whom were natives of the Empire state. It was there that the paternal grandparents, Mott and Cynthia Swan, were also born and reared. Nathan F. Swan was a carpenter by trade and in the year 1851 came to Muscatine, where he later took up contracting and was thus closely identified with the building operations of the city for many years. He aided in erecting many of the leading buildings here and was especially proficient as a stair builder. He died in 1875 at the age of sixty-five years, while his wife passed away in 1905, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. His religious faith was that of the Methodist church, while she was a member of the Congregational church. Five of their children reached years of maturity: Harriet, the wife of Charles Cadle, of Muscatine; Fitch William, of this review; Minnie, who died at the age of seventeen years; Lizzie, who died when a young lady of twenty-two years; and Fred, who died at the age of eighteen.

Fitch W. Swan was brought to Muscatine during his infancy and attended the public schools here. Entering business life, he was employed as a clerk in a dry-goods store for a short period and then began learning the jeweler's and watchmaker's trade, with which line he has since been connected. He has carried on business on his own account since 1876 and is now proprietor of one of the well appointed establishments of the city. He carries a large and well selected line of jewelry of both foreign and domestic manufacture and the honorable and straightforward business methods which he employs have advanced him far on the high road to success. Indeed he is numbered among the men of affluence in Muscatine and his life record may well serve to encourage and inspire others.

On the 22d of September, 1881, Mr. Swan was married to Miss Mollie Howe, who was born in Indiana, a daughter of George Howe. Her death occurred November 19, 1902, and on the 29th of May, 1907, Mr. Swan was married to Miss Elsie Corey, a native of this county. Mr. Swan belongs to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and Wyoming Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. His wife is a devoted member of the Baptist church as was also his first wife, who started the pipe organ fund for the church, which has been made a memorial organ by the gift of her husband.

In his political views Mr. Swan has always been a stalwart republican and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business interests, which have constantly grown in volume and importance and have made him one of the leading merchants of the city.

THOMAS RODNEY FITZGERALD.

Thomas Rodney Fitzgerald, for thirty-seven years a representative of the bar in Muscatine, and also engaged in the real-estate and loan business, has won for himself a creditable position as an enterprising man and valued citizen. His office is located in the Jackson building while his home is at the corner of Fifth street and Iowa avenue. Michigan numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in St. Joseph on the 5th of March, 1843. He is a descendant of one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, his grandfather, Pandeem Fitzgerald, having fought for American liberty following the proclamation of independence in 1776. He devoted his life in days of peace to school teaching and lived for many years to enjoy the fruits of liberty, his home being in New York. In his family were three sons and a daughter: John, Aaron, Thomas and Emma.

Of these Thomas Fitzgerald, a native of the Empire state, became a soldier of the war of 1812 and was wounded at the battle of Lundy's Lane. He had previously lived with his parents in Herkimer county, New York, and after the second war with England the family removed westward to Indiana, settling at Booneville. There Thomas Fitzgerald became a justice of the peace, was also admitted to the bar and for a short time engaged in the practice of law. He was afterward commissioned to erect the first lighthouse at St. Joseph, Michigan, and made his home there for a number of years, taking a prominent part in the public life of the community. He was called to various positions of honor and trust, being chosen to represent his district in the state legislature, acting also as bank commissioner and clerk of the county and county probate judge. When General Lewis Cass resigned from the United States senate to accept the nomination for the presidency, Thomas Fitzgerald was appointed as his successor in the senate but with marked magnanimity resigned when General Cass was defeated for the presidency and the latter was then reappointed to the position of senator. Mr. Fitzgerald was the owner of the first bank in St. Joseph and his business as well as his political activity placed him in a position of promi-

nence and honor. Following his return from Washington, D. C., he removed to Niles, Michigan, where he died in 1855. In early manhood he had wedded Polly Baldwin, also a native of New York. Her parents were farming people of the Empire state, whence they removed westward to Illinois, settling near Peoria, where both her father and mother died when well advanced in years. They had a large family including Alexander, Polly, Eliza and others. Of these Polly became the wife of Thomas Fitzgerald and her death occurred while her husband was United States senator in Washington. Her religious faith was that of the Methodist church. Their family numbered five children, Harrison, Jerome B., William L., Maria L., and Thomas Rodney, but only the last named is now living. After losing his first wife the father married a Mrs. Lacy and they had a son who died when eighteen years of age.

Thomas R. Fitzgerald pursued his education in the schools of Niles to the age of ten years, when he went to New York city and was there a pupil in the public schools. Later he attended a private school in Connecticut and at Woodbridge, New Jersey, and was likewise a student in the Notre Dame University, of Indiana. The first dollar he ever earned was secured by acting as a messenger boy, carrying orders for a jewelry firm of New York city. Before he was of age he went to Missouri where he secured a clerkship and later went on an expedition to the Indian trading posts. Eventually he located in St. Louis, where he engaged in the drug business, being located there during the latter part of the Civil war. In the winter of 1862 he arrived in Muscatine but in the spring of 1863 returned to St. Louis. In 1868, however, he was married in Muscatine and afterward returned to Michigan, spending one year in Benton Harbor and a short period in Niles. He next took up his abode in Clinton, Iowa, and on the 1st of April, 1871, removed to Muscatine. Studying law, he was admitted to the bar here in 1873 and has since continued in practice in this city, at the same time conducting a real-estate, loan and insurance business. He has been accorded a good clientage and his devotion to the interests entrusted to him is proverbial.

It was on the 20th of May, 1868, that Mr. Fitzgerald was married to Miss Sarah Esther Hanna, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Thomas and Eliza (Conner) Hanna, who were natives of Ohio and Kentucky respectively, and became early residents of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald have two daughters and a son: Belle; Hiram, a civil engineer who is married and lives at Purcell, Oklahoma; and Fanny, who is the wife of B. M. Cobb, of Muscatine, and has one son, Rodney Fitzgerald Cobb.

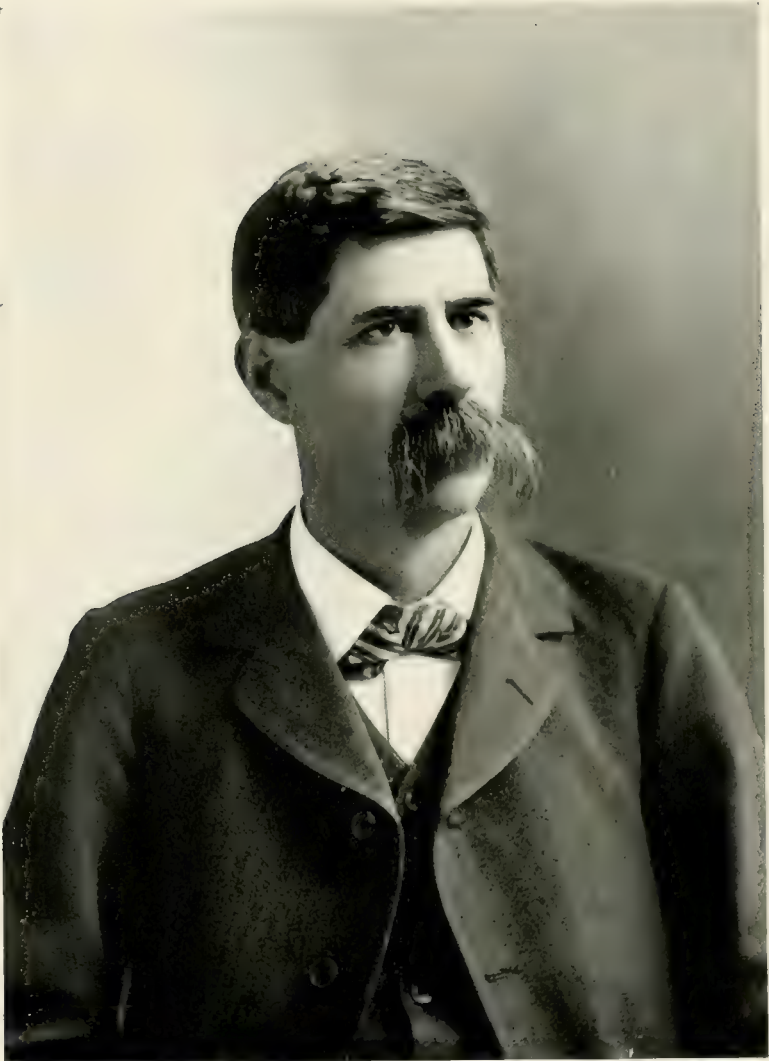
Mr. Fitzgerald is a valued and exemplary member of Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T. He served as master of the blue lodge for four years, was recorder of the commandery for eleven years and eminent commander for one term. His election to office indicates his high standing among his brethren of the fraternity. The cause of education has always found in him a stalwart champion and for one term he served on the Muscatine school board. In politics he has ever been a stalwart democrat and upon the party ticket was elected alderman in 1875 for a two years' term. At its close he was chosen mayor of the city, in which connection he gave a public-spirited and businesslike adminis-

tration. In 1881 he was appointed alderman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Green Sparks, and the following year was again elected chief executive of Muscatine. His administration as mayor was characterized by many needed reforms and improvements. He was one of the original trustees of the Muscatine city water works; has twice been reappointed and since 1900 has served as secretary of the water works. His public duties have ever been discharged with ability and fidelity above question and he is numbered among those citizens whose activity and loyalty constitute a most potent force in the substantial up-building and progress of the community.

HENRY JAYNE.

Henry Jayne, a member of the law firm of Jayne & Hoffman, attorneys of Muscatine, has long been accorded prominence at the bar and throughout the period of his business connection therewith has ever been most careful to conform his practice to a high standard of professional ethics. He has ever given to his clients the service of talent, unwearied industry and broad learning, yet he never forgets that there are certain things due to the court, to his own self-respect, and above all to justice and the righteous administration of the law which neither the zeal of the advocate nor the pleasure of success permits him to disregard.

Mr. Jayne is a native of Wayne county, Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred upon a farm in Scott township November 8, 1847. The ancestral history of the family is one of close connection with the colonization of the new world. As early as 1620 William Jayne, the American progenitor of the family, settled on Long Island. The grandfather, Benaiah Jayne, was born in Pennsylvania, in which state a branch of the family had been founded. He lived at Maple Hill in Scott township, Wayne county, and in early life learned and followed the chair maker's trade. When the country became involved in the second war with England, he enlisted as a soldier in the American army. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Whitaker, was the oldest child of John and Catharine Whitaker. Her father was born in 1773 in Wyoming Valley and was one of the refugees who fled for safety at the time of the Indian massacre in that valley on the 4th of July, 1778. He and others went on foot to Broome county, New York, abandoning their property, which, owing to the conflict of jurisdiction between Connecticut and Pennsylvania, became lost to those who abandoned their homes and fell into possession of the state of Connecticut, becoming a part of what was known as the Connecticut Reserve in Ohio, also called the Western Reserve. Following their marriage Benaiah Jayne and his wife established their home in Wayne county, Pennsylvania, where he continued to reside until his death in 1853. His widow became a resident of Iowa about 1865 or 1866 and passed away at Lone Tree when she had reached the advanced age of eighty-two years. Their family numbered six sons and three daughters: John W., Squire W., William H., Henry D., Justus, Benaiah G., Rhoda, Catharine and Emily.



HENRY JAYNE

Of this family, John Whitaker Jayne was born in Broome county, New York, and became a logger and rafter on the Delaware river, being thus employed until 1854, when he emigrated to Iowa and took up farming in Scott county, where he remained in 1854 and 1855. The following year he removed to Muscatine county, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until the opening year of the Civil war. In response to the country's call for aid he enlisted in the Eighth Iowa Infantry and served until the battle of Shiloh, during which he was captured. Later in the summer, however, he was exchanged and, returning to his northern home, was elected to the office of clerk of Muscatine county, assuming his duties on the 1st of January, 1863, and serving in that capacity until 1869. He then began farming, also dealing in land and cattle, continuing in the conduct of a profitable business until 1896. In that year he took up his abode at Lone Tree, Iowa, where he conducted an insurance office until meeting an accidental death in July, 1908, when nearly eighty-nine years of age. In early manhood John W. Jayne had married Miss Catharine Gardiner, who was born in Otsego county, New York, and was a daughter of Jacob A. Gardiner, one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, who always remained a resident of Otsego county, New York, where he died at an advanced age. He and his wife lived seven years beyond their golden wedding and reared a large family, which included Catharine Gardiner, who became the wife of John W. Jayne, her death occurring in 1897, when she was eighty-five years of age. Both Mr. and Mrs. Jayne were devout members of the Baptist church, and the integrity and fidelity of their lives won for them the high esteem of all with whom they came in contact. Their family numbered five children: David, now living in Lone Tree, Iowa; Henry, of this review; William, who died at the age of twenty-seven years; Deborah, who died in infancy; and Sarah, the wife of Rev. A. C. Kelly, of Chicago.

Henry Jayne was six years of age when he came with his parents to Iowa. The family lived in Scott county for two years and then removed to Muscatine county, where he has made his home continuously since 1856, or for a period of fifty-five years. He supplemented his common school education by a short course in an academy. This did not complete the period of his study, however, for throughout his life he has been a broad reader and deep thinker, and an interested witness of the signs of the times. He has ever kept well informed on questions of vital import and is usually found where the intelligent men of the community gather for the discussion of important themes and problems. From the time that he was eight years of age until his father went to the war he assisted his parent in the preparation of a spelling book which he was editing. While the father was at the front he and his brother aided the mother in carrying on the farm and following the appointment of John W. Jayne to the position of clerk of the courts, Henry Jayne acted as deputy for five and a half years.

This aroused his interest in the legal profession and he took up the study of law in the office of Judge Brannan, in the meantime providing for his own support by doing book work and indexing in the clerk's office for the years 1869 and 1870. When he had mastered the fundamental principles of law, he successfully passed the required examination that secured his admission to the bar

on the first Monday in January, 1871, and that he had won the favor of his former preceptor is indicated in the fact that he was at once admitted to a partnership by Judge Brannan, under the firm style of Brannan & Jayne. This relation was maintained until May, 1872, when the senior member was elected to the bench. Mr. Jayne then continued alone in practice until 1875, when Judge Brannan resigned his position as judge of the county court and the old partnership relation was resumed, so continuing without change until the 1st of August, 1882, when the increasing business of the firm required more help and they admitted William Hoffman to a partnership under the firm name of Brannan, Jayne & Hoffman. Again Judge Brannan retired, on the 1st of January, 1887, following his second election to the bench, being one of three lawyers selected in the district for judicial honors. The firm continued as Jayne & Hoffman until January 1, 1904, and the business style has since remained unchanged, although a son of each of the partners has been admitted, Arthur Hoffman and William R. Jayne being now in active relations with the firm.

Mr. Jayne possesses a mind of singular precision and power—in a marked degree a judicial mind, capable of an impartial view of both sides of the question. In his practice he is absolutely fair, never indulging in artifice or concealment, never dealing in indirect methods but winning his victories, which are many, and suffering his defeats, which are few, in the open fields face to face with his foe. He has achieved high distinction at the bar, and he deserves it.

Mr. Jayne was married on the 18th of November, 1873, to Miss Ella L. Reynolds, who was born in New Castle, Pennsylvania, a daughter of William P. and Harriet (Chenoweth) Reynolds, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. The father was a son of Henry Reynolds, who was born in Pennsylvania, March 4, 1786, and died November 19, 1851. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, was born November 27, 1788, and died on the 11th of February, 1846, while living at Terre Haute, Indiana. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Jayne were Arthur and Hannah (Webster) Chenoweth, and the former died in 1817. William P. Reynolds and Harriet Chenoweth remained residents of Pennsylvania until after their marriage and on leaving that state settled at Keokuk, Iowa, while later they resided at Hannibal, Missouri, until warned to leave during the refugee exodus of the winter of 1860-61, owing to the bitter hostility that was manifest in the south against people from the north. At that time they established their home in Muscatine, where their remaining days were passed, Mrs. Reynolds departing this life in 1871, and Mr. Reynolds in 1878. They had seven children, four of whom reached adult age: Mrs. Jayne; Mrs. Minnie H. Betts of Elmhurst, New York; Charles P., who died in Colorado Springs in 1902; and Mrs. Mary W. Fitzgerald of Salt Lake City, Utah.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jayne has been blessed with seven children, although death has entered the family circle. Edwin, the eldest, died in 1903, at the age of twenty-seven years. William R. married Stella Moore and has a daughter, Edith. Howard, who is operating a sawmill at Raymond, Washington, married Kathleen De Witt and has a daughter. Arthur, the twin brother of Howard, wedded Margaret Marshall of Des Moines. Roger is attending college at Grinnell, Iowa. The two youngest members of the family died in infancy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jayne are faithful members of the Baptist church in Muscatine and the principles that have weighed in his life are further indicated in the fact that he is a Knight Templar Mason. Politically he has always supported the republican party but has never sought office, regarding the pursuits of private life as abundantly worthy of his best efforts. He is a man of courteous manners, yet firm and unyielding in all that he believes to be right. Whatever he does is for the best interests of his clients and for the honor of his profession, and no man gives to either a more unqualified allegiance or riper ability.

JOSEPH LINN HOOPES.

J. Linn Hoopes, although he has not attempted to figure prominently in public affairs, has always stood as an advocate of those interests and measures which are of the most value in upholding the legal, political and moral status of a community. For a considerable period he was identified with agricultural pursuits in this county and is now devoting his energies largely to the real-estate, loan and insurance business, in the three departments of which he has secured a good clientage. The city numbers him among her native sons. He was born on the 15th of September, 1841, of the marriage of Joseph J. and Amanda (McGinnis) Hoopes, the former a native of West Chester, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Covington, Kentucky. His paternal grandfather, Isaac Hoopes, also lived in West Chester and was of Welsh descent. He married Hannah Jones and they remained residents of Pennsylvania until called to their final rest. Their family numbered twelve children. The maternal grandfather, James McGinnis, was a native of Ireland. He married a Miss Carey, an aunt of Alice and Phoebe Carey, whose poetical writings have brought pleasure and comfort to many a heart. Mr. and Mrs. McGinnis made their home in Columbus, Ohio, where both passed away at an advanced age. Their family numbered five children, namely: John, James, Ellen, Amanda and Minerva.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Hoopes were also residents of Columbus, Ohio, for a number of years. The former was a carpenter by trade and about 1839 or 1840 removed with his family to Iowa, settling in Muscatine, where he was largely engaged in building operations in the early days. At that time all flooring, windows, sash and doors were made by hand. He possessed a strong and rugged constitution and remained in remarkably good health up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1893, when he was eighty-five years of age. His wife died in April, 1889, at the age of seventy-seven years. Mr. Hoopes held several city offices and was a prominent and influential factor in the early development and progress of the community. Unto him and his wife were born four children: J. Linn, of this review; Ellen E., the wife of R. R. Lawther, of Dallas, Texas; Fannie L., who became the wife of C. A. Stith, of Galveston, Texas, but is now deceased; and Rebecca, of Muscatine.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of life for J. Linn Hoopes in his boyhood and youth. He remained in his parents' home and at the usual age was sent to the public schools, where he passed through con-

secutive grades, mastering the lessons that usually constitute a public-school curriculum. Later he had the benefit of instruction in the State University of Iowa and after putting aside his text-books he entered business life as a clerk in a general store. Soon, however, he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and spent twenty years on a farm in Lake township, comprising three hundred and forty acres, which he afterward sold. While following farming he won a substantial measure of success, owing to his close application and unfaltering industry. Since 1891 he has lived in Muscatine, where he has been engaged in the real-estate, loan and insurance business. Here he has negotiated a number of important realty transfers and is thoroughly familiar with the value of property and the opportunity for sale or purchase.

On the 17th of December, 1874, Mr. Hoopes was united in marriage to Miss Emma Worsham, who was born in Muscatine, January 22, 1852, and is a daughter of Green and Rebecca (Marmon) Worsham. Her father's birth occurred in Kentucky, while her mother was a native of North Carolina. They became pioneer settlers of Richmond, Indiana, and afterward removed to Muscatine, Iowa, during an early epoch in the development of this city where they continued to reside until called to their final rest. They had one son and three daughters, who grew to maturity, David, Emma, Mary and Ella. The eldest daughter became the wife of Mr. Hoopes and they are well known in the social circles of Muscatine, where they have an extensive circle of friends. Their home is at No. 411 West Third street.

Mr. Hoopes gives his political support to the democratic party but does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which he has always regarded as abundantly worthy of his best efforts. He is one of the oldest among the native sons of Muscatine, having for sixty-nine years been a witness of the growth, upbuilding and progress of the city. Events which are to others matters of history are to him matters of personal knowledge or experience. He has always felt a commendable pride in what has been accomplished here and his labors and influence have been an element in the general progress and improvement.

HENRY C. MADDEN.

For more than a third of a century Henry C. Madden has practiced at the Muscatine bar and his record in connection therewith is a credit to the profession. He was born in this city October 5, 1854, a son of Henry and Jane E. (Templeton) Madden, the former a native of Perry county, Pennsylvania, while the latter was born near Wooster in Wayne county, Ohio. The Madden family is of Irish origin. The paternal grandfather of Henry C. Madden was Jeremiah Madden, a native of Pennsylvania, who for many years was an associate justice of the courts of Perry county, that state. He died at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1860, at the advanced age of seventy-seven years and fourteen days, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Susanna Rehm, passed away at the age of seventy-nine years. In their family were nine children: Matilda, Joseph,

James, John, Henry, Jeremiah, Jesse, William F. and Richard R. The maternal grandfather of Henry C. Madden was John Templeton, an early settler of Wayne county, Ohio, who was also a pioneer of Iowa, settling in Jefferson county, this state, in 1839. A residence of two decades there brought him to the year 1859, when he passed away at the age of eighty. He had devoted his life to farming in support of his family. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Elizabeth Tarr, was also eighty years of age at her death, which occurred in 1864. They were the parents of three children: Charlotte K., Catharine and Jane E. By a former marriage with Elizabeth A. Steele, Mr. Templeton also had several children.

Henry Madden, the father of Henry C. Madden, was a carpenter and contractor who in the year 1849 became a resident of Muscatine, Iowa, where he spent his remaining days. He died in September, 1900, at the age of eighty-two years, having for only nine days survived his wife, who passed away at the age of seventy-six. She held membership in the Methodist church and Mr. Madden also attended its services. He was a soldier of the Civil war for three years as a member of Company A, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, participated in the Atlanta campaign and in a number of hotly contested engagements.

Henry C. Madden is the only survivor of a family of seven children, the others having all died in infancy. He was reared in Muscatine and attended the public schools, after which he began clerking in a dry goods store, where he remained for three years. He also followed carpentering for three years in connection with his father but believing that he would find a professional career more congenial, he took up the study of law in Muscatine and was admitted to the bar on the 22d of February, 1876, since which time he has continuously practiced. Experiences and continued study have promoted his ability and he has long since ranked with the able representatives of the profession in this county. He prepares his cases with thoroughness, presents his cause in clear and logical manner and the force of his arguments seldom fails to gain the verdict desired.

On the 15th of November, 1882, Mr. Madden was married to Miss Minnie J. Lodge, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, a daughter of Benjamin S. and Mary A. (Wiley) Lodge, who were natives of Ohio but became pioneer residents of Cedar county, Iowa. She comes of good Revolutionary stock, her paternal great-grandfather, Benjamin Lodge, who was born March 28, 1749, having served as captain in the war for independence. His son Samuel Lodge, the grandfather of Mrs. Madden, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 20, 1799, and died in Henry county, Illinois, January 11, 1864. He was married March 3, 1825, to Jane S. McCord, who was born April 10, 1804, either in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, or across the line in Trumbull county, Ohio. Their son, Benjamin S. Lodge, who was Mrs. Madden's father, was born in Greenville, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1825, and died in Wilton, Iowa, June 21, 1868. His wife afterward went to Maryland, where her last days were passed. Their family numbered four children: Ida M., the wife of Oliver DeLisle; Charles S., Minnie J., and DeLancy, who died in early life. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Madden was blessed with four sons: Arthur L., who is employed in the Muscatine State Bank and who wedded

Miss Agnes M. Rabbitt, by whom he has a daughter, Carmelite; H. Ralph, who is an agriculturist by occupation; Kenneth B., who is a high-school student; and Harold G., who died in infancy.

Mrs. Madden is a member of the Presbyterian church and is prominent in the social circles of the city. Mr. Madden holds membership in Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; Wyoming Lodge No. 76, K. P.; Eagle Lodge, No. 10, A. O. U. W.; and Colonel S. G. Hill Camp, No. 50, Sons of Veterans. His political allegiance is given to the democracy but he has never sought or desired office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He resides at No. 919 Iowa avenue, having erected the residence there in 1893. A lifelong citizen of Muscatine, his record is well known to the readers of this volume and the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood days to the present is an indication that his has been a most honorable and upright career.

FRANK W. WALKER.

Frank W. Walker, assistant postmaster of Muscatine since 1902, is a native of this city, born March 5, 1871. He is a son of John D. and Eliza Ann (Hartman) Walker, the former of whom was born in Richmond, Indiana, October 14, 1818, and the latter in Lehigh county, Pennsylvania, October 11, 1836. The father was a school teacher in his young manhood. Later he became a lawyer and on coming to Iowa, settled at Wilton, where he practiced for a number of years and served as county clerk. He was a staunch adherent of the republican party and departed this life at Wilton, August 19, 1897, at the age of seventy-nine years. Mrs. Walker is still living and is now seventy-five years of age. She is a member of the Methodist church, as was her husband. Samuel Walker, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Kentucky, born March 30, 1794, of Scotch-Irish descent. He was identified with agricultural interests during his business career and died in Iowa, September 6, 1843, at the age of forty-nine years. There were seven children in his family, Frank M., Harvey, Andrew, John, Samuel, Sarah and Maggie. The maternal grandfather was George Hartman, a farmer, who was of German descent and was born in Pennsylvania, becoming one of the early settlers of Muscatine county, Iowa. He died in Union county, Iowa, well advanced in years. His children were George, John, Callie, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Sadie, Jeannette, Reuben and Eliza. To John and Eliza Walker, the parents of our subject, four children were born: George S., of Montana; Frank W., the subject of this review; Frances H.; and William, who died in childhood.

Frank W. Walker was reared at Wilton and educated in the public and high schools, graduating from the latter in 1889. He began his business career as clerk in a crockery store in Muscatine, continuing for thirteen years and gaining a practical experience that has been of great benefit to him in the discharge of more responsible positions. For eight years past he has served as assistant

postmaster of Muscatine, discharging his duties in such a way as to gain the hearty commendation of the patrons of the office.

On the 6th of October, 1904, Mr. Walker was united in marriage to Miss E. Elizabeth Preston, a daughter of Albert S. and Elba A. (Garris) Preston, the former born June 19, 1852, and the latter April 25, 1857. Mrs. Walker was born August 31, 1880, in New Jersey, her father also being a native of that state. There were three children in the family, Nettie Arthur and E. Elizabeth. The mother of these children was called from earthly scenes February 7, 1882, and Mr. Preston was again married, the lady of his choice being Ellen J. Bowlby, and there were two children by that union, Frank and Blanche. The family are now living in Muscatine.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker are active members of the Methodist church and assist to the extent of their ability in forwarding the various interests with which that organization is connected. Politically Mr. Walker is in hearty sympathy with the republican party, having supported its candidates and principles ever since he arrived at manhood. As a representative citizen he is worthy of the high regard in which he is held on account of the faithful discharge of his duties as a public officer and also as a wide-awake member of a progressive community.

HENRY F. GIESSLER.

Henry F. Giessler, president of the German-American Savings Bank of Muscatine, ranks as one of the leading financiers of the city and one of the valued members of a community which is noted for the independence and progressiveness of its people. He was born in York county, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1853, and is a son of Henry S. and Mary (Wildasin) Giessler, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was reared in the Keystone state and came to Iowa in 1856, settling at Wilton, where he conducted a general store and for some years acted as postmaster. He built the first house in Wilton and died there in 1861, before reaching middle life. His wife long survived him, being called away at the age of eighty-four years. She was a valued member of the Reformed church. Three children were born to them: Henry F., our subject; James L., of Muscatine; and Mary, deceased.

Henry F. Giessler was reared at Wilton and received his preliminary education in the public schools. As a boy he evinced unusual taste for intellectual pursuits and after reaching manhood was matriculated in the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, from which he was graduated with the degree of A. M. in 1878. After leaving the university he taught school for a short time and then returned to his alma mater and entered its law department, from which he was graduated in 1880 with the degree of LL. B. He was admitted to the bar the same year and began practice at Vinton. In 1881, however, being attracted to the banking business, he became assistant cashier of the Union Bank at Wilton and in 1883 assumed the duties of cashier of the Carroll County Bank at Carroll, Iowa. In 1886 he organized the Bank of Oakley, at

Oakley, Kansas, and continued at its head until 1901, when he came to Muscatine as vice president of the German-American Savings Bank, of which he has been serving as president since 1905. This institution was organized July 1, 1899, with a capital stock of sixty thousand dollars. It flourished from the beginning and is now capitalized at one hundred thousand dollars. It is known as one of the staunch financial institutions of the city and is patronized by many of the leading business firms.

On the 23d of June, 1887, Mr. Giessler was united in marriage to Miss Kate Pentzer, a native of Wilton and a daughter of Rev. Jacob and Martha (Countz) Pentzer. Mr. and Mrs. Giessler are members of the Presbyterian church. He is identified with Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; and Kaaba Temple, N. M. S. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party and while in Kansas served for six years, from 1895 to 1901, as a member of the state legislature, being a member of that body at the time he left the state. Had he devoted his attention to law he would have gained a high place at the bar, but having become interested in the banking business he has perhaps been equally useful on account of his ability as an adviser in financial matters. He owes his present standing to perseverance and good judgment, combined with the strictest honor and integrity—characteristics which seldom fail to lead to deserved success.

JOHN C. FRENZEL.

Within the last half century the German element in America has assumed a prominence in every walk of life scarcely equalled in the history of nations. It is also a remarkable fact that the majority of German-born American citizens are self-made men, having won their way through many difficulties to the positions of responsibility which they occupy. To this class belongs John C. Frenzel, who proved his patriotism by fighting for the Union and who has demonstrated his business ability by becoming the owner of one of the fertile and productive farms of Muscatine county.

He was born in Germany in 1837. At the age of nine years he came with his parents to America and continued under the parental roof until 1862, when he enlisted in Company C, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteers, for a period of three years and participated with his regiment in many of the important battles and engagements of the Civil war. He was present at the siege of Vicksburg and at the battle of Nashville, and after being honorably discharged and mustered out of service at Davenport, Iowa, came to Muscatine county and rented the old homestead for six years. At the end of this time he removed to a farm near Wilton, where he continued for three years and then for eleven years cultivated a place near Dicebridge. Having made good use of his opportunities, he was now prepared to purchase land on his own account, and in 1887 he bought the homestead, which comprises two hundred acres in Moscow township. He has greatly improved the place by the erection of buildings and fences, the planting of trees



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and the careful cultivation of the soil, so that today it is one of the desirable properties in the township.

In 1870 Mr. Frenzel was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Huckle, who was born on the 14th of January, 1849, and came to America in 1857 with her father, who located in Muscatine county. Of this union four children were born, namely: George M., deceased; Henry C., at home; Emma, deceased; and Katharine E., the wife of Ira Creiner, of Muscatine county.

Mr. Frenzel gives his support to the democratic party and has served most acceptably for two years as township assessor. He and his estimable wife are connected with the Lutheran church and are stanch believers in its doctrines. They are widely and favorably known in the community because of their genial qualities and their willingness to assist in any movement that aims to promote the general welfare. Mr. Frenzel has justly gained a high standing in his locality as one of its most trustworthy and substantial citizens.

THOMPSON & THOMPSON.

Ralph U. and Herbert G. Thompson, brothers, constitute the well known law firm of Thompson & Thompson, of Muscatine, and in the professional circles of the city they have won notable distinction, their ability being indicated by the fact that they are retained as counsel for the defense or prosecution in most of the important cases tried in the courts of this district.

They are sons of William B. and Maria (Barnett) Thompson, the former a native of Louisa county, Iowa, and the latter of Steeple Chase, England. The paternal grandfather, William Thompson, was a native of Ohio but was of Scotch descent. His father also bore the name of William and, coming to Iowa, spent his last days in Louisa county, where he died when more than eighty years of age. William Thompson, the grandfather, was a railroad contractor in early life but became one of the pioneer residents of Iowa, settling in this city when it was a part of the territory of Wisconsin. He went to Louisa county with his father in 1834 and took up twenty-seven hundred acres of government land, after which he devoted his time and energies to farming and cattle-raising. He died in Louisa county in 1902, at the venerable age of eighty-two years, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Jane Shellabarger, was about eighty-one years of age at the time of her death.

They reared a large family including William B. Thompson, who was reared upon the homestead farm in Louisa county and devoted his energies to the work of tilling the soil and caring for the crops until the outbreak of the Civil war, when he enlisted in Company A, Seventh Iowa Infantry, with which he served as a private for two years. He was wounded at the battle of Resaca and was discharged on account of his injuries. For a time he was in a hospital at Lexington, Kentucky, afterward in an Indiana hospital and subsequently in a hospital at Keokuk, his wounds necessitating hospital treatment for a year and a half. He took part in a number of the hotly contested engagements of the war and when he had recovered his health resumed his education as a student

in Western College at Toledo, Iowa, from which he was graduated in due course of time. He afterward pursued a post-graduate course in the State University at Iowa City and later engaged in teaching school for ten years. He next turned his attention to the insurance business, holding the general agency of various companies. In the early period of his life he gave his political support to the republican party but afterward became a democrat.

William B. Thompson wedded Maria Barnett, a daughter of Alfred Barnett, a native of England, who engaged in the manufacture of lime in that country. After crossing the Atlantic to America he settled at Silver Creek, New York, where he operated some large lime kilns for a number of years. About 1845 he came to Iowa, settling in Iowa City, where he followed contracting and building until the last few years of his life, which he spent in Louisa county, passing away when more than eighty years of age. He, too, was a soldier of the Civil war, belonging to the famous Gray Beard Regiment of this state. Unto him and his wife were born several children, including Alfred T., Simeon, Sarah, Maria, Hattie and Mary. It was Maria Barnett of this family who became the wife of William B. Thompson, and by their marriage were born five children: Harry C., a resident of Chicago; Ralph U. and Herbert G., of this review; and William and Elizabeth, both of whom died in early childhood. The eldest son is prominent in musical circles, being a composer and arranger of music. He has played with the Innis, Kryll, Thauvius and Brooks bands, which have world-wide reputations and has also been connected with St. Paul's Symphony and the International Grand Opera Company orchestras.

Mrs. Thompson was married twice, her first husband being Thomas Johnson, who was killed while serving as a soldier of the Civil war in 1861. There were two children of that union, Frank A. and Carrie, the latter the wife of Nicholas J. Lenz, of Muscatine.

Ralph U. Thompson, senior member of the well known law firm of Thompson & Thompson, was born in Louisa county, Iowa, October 29, 1878, and when ten years of age came with his parents to Muscatine. Here he attended the public schools and afterward continued his education in Leverich Normal School and in the University of Iowa, wherein he prepared for a professional career, being graduated from the law department with the class of 1903. The same year he was admitted to the bar.

Herbert G. Thompson, junior partner of the firm, was born in Louisa county, December 31, 1880, and has lived in Muscatine county since eight years of age. He, too, attended the public schools and the Leverich Normal and pursued the collegiate and law courses in the State University, being graduated from the law department in June, 1903. At that time he was admitted to practice in the state and federal courts. At the same time the two brothers joined their father in opening a law, loan and real-estate office under the firm name of W. B. Thompson & Sons. Following their father's death, which occurred March 8, 1906, they discontinued the real-estate and loan departments and have since devoted themselves successfully to the practice of law, in which they have secured an extensive clientage.

On the 9th of June, 1902, Ralph U. Thompson was married to Miss Gertrude M. Carter, a daughter of Robert and Agnes Carter. He is a member of the

Methodist church, while his wife is a Catholic in religious faith. He belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men and to the Sons of Veterans.

On the 5th of July, 1902, Herbert G. Thompson wedded Miss Ida B. Pepler, a daughter of Edward Pepler, and they have two children, Willis Bruce and Marie Meredith. Mr. Thompson is a Methodist, while his wife belongs to the Episcopal church. She was born in Johnson county, Iowa, where her parents, who were native of England, settled at an early day. Both her father and mother, however, are now deceased. The former was a soldier of the Civil war and was prominent in the public life of Johnson county, where he served as justice of the peace for many years. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, Thomas, Edward, Lydia, Carrie, Lucy, Ida and Jane.

Herbert G. Thompson, like his brother, is prominent in fraternal circles and is now serving as deputy great sachem of the Improved Order of Red Men of Iowa. He also holds membership with the Knights of Pythias, the Elks and the Sons of Veterans. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party, and he served as city attorney of Muscatine during the years 1909 and 1910. He is now filling the office of county attorney. The two brothers live together on their father's old homestead, where they have resided for twenty-two years. They are successful lawyers, are diligent students of their profession, and in their careful and thorough preparation of their cases is found one of the strong elements of their success.

GEORGE B. JACKSON.

There are certain qualities which are indispensable elements of success. Industry, perseverance and sound judgment ever constitute the foundation upon which prosperity is builded and, possessing these qualities in large measure, George B. Jackson is steadily working his way upward to a prominent position among the business men of Muscatine, being now president of the Jackson Motor Car Company, conducting an extensive garage and also engaging in the sale of automobiles at the southwest corner of Iowa avenue and Fourth street. He is one of the native sons of Muscatine, his birth having occurred on the 28th of November, 1851.

His parents were Peter and Nancy (Cox) Jackson, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Indiana. The paternal grandfather, William Jackson, spent his entire life in the land of hills and heather, where he died when more than sixty years of age. Unto him and his wife were born four sons and a daughter: James; William, who died in Scotland; Margaret, the deceased wife of Douglas Velie; Peter; and Alexander. The maternal grandfather of George B. Jackson was of Scotch-Irish lineage and became an early settler of Muscatine county. His family numbered four daughters, including Nancy, Elmira and Mrs. John Kane. The first named became the wife of Peter Jackson, who had learned the cabinet-maker's trade in Scotland and came to America in 1837. In the fall of the following year he made his way westward to Muscatine, which at that time was little more than a trading post on the frontier.

In 1839 he took up his abode here permanently and established a general store, which he continued for a few years, also acting as local steamboat agent. He then became cashier of the Merchants Exchange Bank, which later changed its name to the First National Bank. For a long period he filled that position and his business ability, enterprise and intelligently directed effort contributed in substantial measure to the growth and successful development of the bank. He died in 1901 at the venerable age of more than eighty-four years. His first wife passed away in 1855 when about thirty-three years of age. He later married Miss Christiana Sinclair. There were three children of the first marriage: Isabel, who died in early womanhood; Marie, who passed away in infancy; and George B., of this review. There were four children born of the second marriage: Henry, who passed away in infancy; Douglas Velie, of Muscatine; Charles P., also of this city; and Anna Mable, the deceased wife of Milton H. Patten, of Des Moines.

George B. Jackson now makes his home in the block in which his birth occurred. He attended the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high-school student. After the completion of his education he entered business circles as clerk in a general store and carefully saved his earnings until he acquired sufficient capital to enable him to engage in business on his own account. In 1881, therefore, he established a dry-goods store, which he conducted with success for twenty years, or until 1901. In the meantime he had increased his stock to meet the growing demands of his trade, for his progressive methods and honorable dealings brought to him a constantly increasing patronage. For two years he lived retired and then turned his attention to the electrical supply business. In 1905 he became interested in the automobile business and in 1909 built the fine garage at the corner of Iowa avenue and Fourth street, where he is still located. He handles some of the standard makes of machines and also conducts a storage and repair department. His business in this connection has become extensive and profitable, indicating the careful management and progressive spirit of Mr. Jackson.

On the 9th of June, 1875, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Miss Clementine Hague, who was born in Mansfield, Ohio, a daughter of Thomas and Lucinda (McColm) Hague, natives of Virginia and Indiana respectively. Her father was captain of a steamboat on the Ohio river and was drowned at St. Louis. Her mother survived him and after the Civil war came to Muscatine where she died when more than seventy years of age. There were two children of that marriage, Clementine and William. Mrs. Hague married a second time, becoming the wife of the Rev. W. T. Watkins, and they had two children, May and Frank. Mr. Watkins also passed away and his widow became the wife of W. D. Ament, of Muscatine.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have one child, Bruce P., who is now a partner with his father in the automobile business. He married Miss Ethel Epperly and they have one son, George B. The parents are members of the Congregational church and Mr. Jackson belongs to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Webb Council, R. & S. M.; Zarephath Consistory, S. P. R. S.; and Kaaba Temple, N. M. S. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he keeps well

informed on the questions and issues of the day, although he does not seek nor desire public office. His worth is well known and his fellow townsmen esteem him highly for in all of his business career he has closely adhered to strict commercial ethics, winning his success by honorable and persistent purpose.

EDWARD MUNSON WARNER.

Edward Munson Warner, who in his professional career has given proof of his ability to cope with the intricate and involved problems of law, has practiced continuously in Muscatine since 1891. While his devotion to his client's interests is proverbial he never forgets that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law and is never unmindful of the fact that there are certain things due to the court, to his own self-respect and above all to justice, which neither the zeal of the advocate nor the pleasure of success permits him to disregard. Throughout his entire life he has been a resident of Iowa, his birth having occurred near Bellevue, Jackson county, November 18, 1858. Comparatively little is known concerning the ancestral history of the family, owing to the early death of the paternal grandfather, David Warner, who passed away in Lawrence county, Pennsylvania, where he was following the occupation of farming. His widow long survived him and reared their family of ten children.

This number included Paul Warner, who was born in the Keystone state and in his youth learned and followed the tanner's trade, but in early manhood took up the occupation of farming, to which he ever afterward devoted his energies. In 1852 he came westward to Jackson county, Iowa, and in 1861 removed to Jones county. He died there in 1901 in his seventy-sixth year. He had for four decades been a representative farmer of that community and his well directed labors brought him success in the business which he chose as a life work. He held membership in the Presbyterian church, of which his widow is yet a member. Mrs. Warner bore the maiden name of Mary A. Hanna, and was also a native of Pennsylvania. Her father, Edward Hanna, was born in the Keystone state, was of Scotch-Irish descent and was a farmer by occupation. He was twice married and lived to an old age. Mrs. Warner now makes her home in Monticello, Iowa. By her marriage she became the mother of three sons and three daughters, namely: Alicia, the wife of Robert Clark, of Scotch Grove, Iowa; Sarah J., of Monticello, Iowa; Edward M., of this review; Henry F., also of Monticello; Mary E., who died at the age of sixteen years; and William B., of Scotch Grove.

Edward Munson Warner was reared upon a farm in Jones county, Iowa, and the district schools provided him his educational privileges up to the time when he entered Lenox College at Hopkinton, Iowa, from which he was graduated with the class of 1881. He then taught school for one term and afterward studied law in the office of the Hon. F. O. Ellison, now judge of the district court in Cedar Rapids. On the 14th of May, 1884, he was admitted to the bar and the following year opened an office in West Liberty, Iowa, where he engaged in practice until 1891. For nineteen years, however, he has been a member of

the Muscatine bar and is now accorded an extensive and representative clientage. He has gained a high place in his profession by hard work. Well versed in the learning of his profession and with a deep knowledge of human nature and the springs of human conduct, with great shrewdness and sagacity and extraordinary tact he is in the courts an advocate of great power and influence. Both judges and juries always hear him with attention and deep interest.

On the 23d of January, 1883, Mr. Warner was married to Miss Jennie S. Belden, a daughter of Thomas and Susan (Carter) Belden. Mrs. Warner is a native of Hopkinton, Delaware county, Iowa, as was her mother. Her father, however, was born in New York and became one of the early settlers of Delaware county. He died, however, while his daughter Jennie was an infant. Mrs. Belden long survived, passing away in November, 1904, when about seventy years of age. By her first marriage she had two children, Thomas L., and Jennie S. After the death of her first husband she became the wife of Rev. S. H. Merrill, and they had one son, Horatio Merrill. Mrs. Belden was the daughter of H. A. Carter, a New England farmer. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Warner have been born two children: Mabel E. and Charles Paul.

The parents are members of the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Warner is serving as a trustee. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias, the Elks, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen, and in all of these organizations he is regarded as a valued as well as popular representative. In politics he is an independent democrat. He served as county attorney for two terms, beginning in 1891, and for one term he was mayor of West Liberty. His official duties have been discharged with a singleness of purpose that has greatly promoted the public welfare. He prefers, however, to concentrate his energies upon his law practice, which he regards as abundantly worthy of his best efforts. He is faithful to every interest committed to his care and while at times his presentation of his case is marked by a persuasive eloquence, his arguments are based upon the facts in the case and the law applicable to them. In this he displays a comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence.

JOHN F. DEVITT.

John F. Devitt is actively connected with the profession which has important bearing upon the stable prosperity of any community. Earnest effort, thorough and systematic study and strong powers of analysis have been important elements in his success, gaining for him a creditable position among the able lawyers of Muscatine, where he is practicing as junior partner of the firm of Horan & Devitt. His birth occurred in De Witt, Clinton county, Iowa, May 24, 1867, his parents being John and Bridget (Foley) Devitt, both of whom were natives of County Tipperary, Ireland. The paternal grandparents spent their entire lives on the Emerald isle, where they reared two of their three children, one having died in infancy. Those who reached mature years were John and Minnie. The former spent his youthful days as a farm boy in Ireland and on coming to America

made his way into the interior of the country, settling in Clinton county, where he followed railroad work for a number of years. There he died in 1874, when about fifty years of age. In early manhood he had wedded Bridget Foley, whose parents always remained residents of Ireland. Unto this marriage there were born five children, two sons and three daughters: John F., of this review; Anna, the wife of James Thornton, of De Witt, Iowa; Margaret, a trained nurse, also of De Witt; Nellie, the wife of Albert Johnson, of Chicago; and James A., a law-year of Oskaloosa, Iowa. The mother of these children passed away when about forty years of age, dying a year prior to the death of her husband. Both were consistent members of the Roman Catholic church.

In the county of his nativity John F. Devitt spent the period of his minority and resided upon a farm between the ages of twelve and twenty years. After attending the district schools he continued his education in the De Witt high school, from which he was graduated in 1888. He determined upon a professional career and hoping to find the practice of law both congenial and profitable, he became a law student in the State University of Iowa, from which he was graduated with the LL. B. degree in 1891. The same year he was admitted to the bar and formed a partnership with a former classmate, Lawrence J. Horan. They opened an office in Muscatine on the 1st of August, 1891, and for more than nineteen years have continuously practiced in this city. A liberal share of the business of the courts has been accorded them and they have been connected with much important litigation. Mr. Devitt closely studies every phase of a question that is involved in the trial of a case and his retentive memory enables him to cite principle and precedent. He also marshals the points of his case with the precision of a military commander and gives to the most important point its due relative precedence.

On the 30th of September, 1896, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Devitt and Elizabeth L. Mackey, a native of this city and a daughter of John and Ellen M. (Murphy) Mackey, both of whom were natives of Ireland and were early settlers of Muscatine, where they spent their remaining days. The father, aroused by a patriotic spirit at the outbreak of the Civil war, joined Company E of the Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry and was on active duty until sent home on account of illness. His death at length was occasioned by disease contracted in the army. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Murphy, both of whom died at Muscatine at an advanced age. John Mackey wedded Ellen M. Murphy, a daughter of Michael and Ellen (Ryan) Murphy. Her father died of cholera on the ocean while coming to America. Mrs. Mackey was one of a family of thirteen children and by her marriage she became the mother of five children: Philip J., Elizabeth L., and Mary F., of Muscatine; Fred C., of Davenport, Iowa; and Joseph, who died at the age of seventeen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Devitt have but one child, Loretta. The parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Devitt belongs also to the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Modern Woodmen camp and the Muscatine Launch Club, associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the principles which govern his conduct. In politics he is a stalwart democrat, unfaltering in his belief in and support of the principles of the party. He served as city attorney for seven years

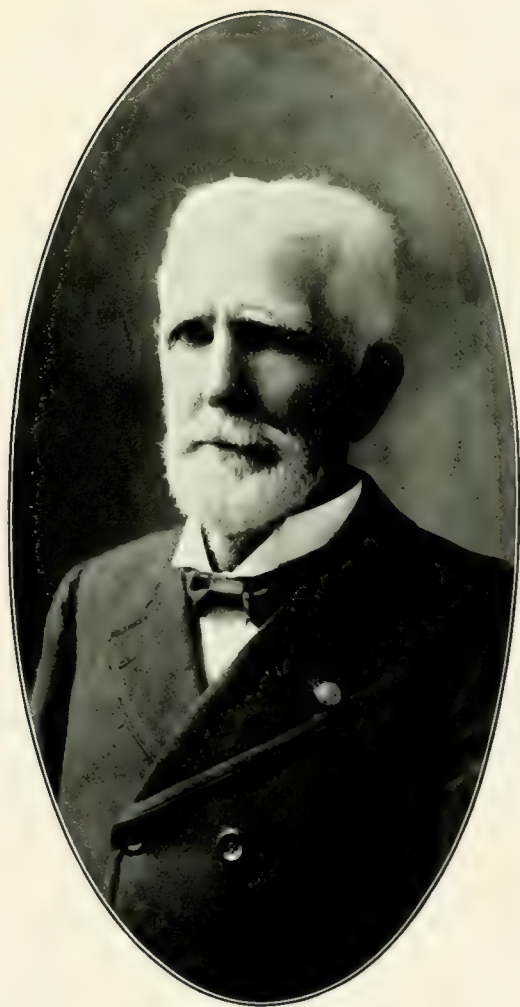
and carefully safeguarded the interests of the municipality through that party. He has been a member of the Iowa State Bar Association for a number of years and for five years has served on its executive committee. He likewise belongs to the American Bar Association and to its local council for Iowa. In community affairs he is deeply interested, is a trustee of the P. M. Musser Public Library and gives his aid and support to all the measures and movements which he deems of value and service in upbuilding the city and county. None question his loyalty to the public welfare. He is a man of progressive spirit and of high principles and his genuine personal worth commends him to the confidence and good will of all with whom he comes in contact.

JAMES W. McELRAVY.

There is no doubt as to the fighting blood which courses through the veins of some men who are born fighters, and either on the field of battle or in the sharply contested struggle for supremacy in the business world they give indisputable evidence of the class to which they belong. They are the natural leaders, and to them the world largely owes its present condition of progress in all departments of life. James W. McElravy, now living retired at West Liberty, is clearly entitled to a place among these men.

He was born in Harrison county, Ohio, December 31, 1836, a son of Daniel and Margaret (McCombs) McElravy. The father, who was a farmer and stock-raiser, was born in 1798 near Belfast, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1816, locating near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He removed to Ohio in 1826, where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1860. The family history has been traced to the Scottish clan McGregor. When this clan was almost exterminated by the English the survivors changed the name McGregor to McElravy and emigrated to Ireland, from which country descendants of this dauntless clan have gone forth to all parts of the world. The mother of our subject was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1798, and was married to Mr. McElravy in the Keystone state. She passed away at West Liberty in 1882. Her ancestors came to this country previous to the Revolutionary war. Of the nine children born to Mr. and Mrs. McElravy, John, Alec, William, Thomas, Robert and Nancy are deceased. Four brothers, Robert, Thomas, Frank and James W., participated in the Civil war. Robert was killed bravely fighting for his country at the battle of Petersburg; Thomas became captain of the Seventy-fourth Ohio Volunteers and was wounded at Atlanta, Georgia; Frank was also wounded at Atlanta and is now in the gold mines at Haynes, Alaska.

James W. McElravy received his early education in the common schools and was attending college at Hopedale, Ohio, at the outbreak of the Civil war. Responding to the call of President Lincoln, he enlisted in Company B, Thirtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, May 13, 1861. At the expiration of his term of enlistment he reenlisted March, 1864, and served until the close of the war, being mustered out at Little Rock, Arkansas, in September, 1865. After the battle of Kenesaw Mountain, January 27, 1864, he was commissioned first lieutenant by



J. W. McELRAVY

recommendation of General Logan, and when he laid his uniform aside he was in command of Company F of the Thirtieth Ohio Volunteers. He was taken prisoner at the battle of Antietam but later in the day overpowered his guards and made his escape. Near the city of Tuscumbia, Alabama, he was again taken prisoner because of his horse falling under him. He was locked in a house nearby and again succeeded in making his escape under somewhat peculiar circumstances, being released by a girl who pried open a window while the guard was indulging in a drink of whiskey. Mounting a horse which stood outside, the young soldier soon succeeded in reentering the Union lines. At one time, as the officer in charge of a detachment, he was ordered by General Sherman on a foraging expedition, which practically lasted from the time of the battle of Atlanta to the battle of Bentonville, North Carolina, as he foraged all the way through Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina, being almost every day engaged in skirmishes with the enemy. The foraging order read, "Take liberally from the rich and give to the poor." The day before the battle of Bentonville, Captain McElravy was ordered to take charge of his company and make a forced march of sixty miles, which he did, entering the battle without stopping to rest. During the battle the captain and his men were most of the time obliged to fight knee deep in water. On the second morning after such great exertions, he was put into an ambulance by a surgeon and sent to Goldsboro. He was present at every battle and participated in every movement of his regiment, a statement that can be made of very few soldiers whose period of service extended throughout the entire war. Even after being sent to the hospital he refused to stay there, and, having been given a horse as he was unable to walk, he returned to his company which he commanded until the close of the war. Notwithstanding his frequent contact with the enemy, he was never wounded but once, being knocked down by an exploding shell at the battle of Antietam. A strong and robust man at the time of his enlistment, the terrific strain greatly reduced his strength, and two years after the war he weighed only ninety-six pounds, but his health improved by a trip to Colorado in 1867.

His first venture in commercial life was as a hardware merchant at West Liberty. Later he sold out and spent eighteen months in Missouri, then returning to West Liberty, where he engaged for a year in the grocery and grain business. Being attracted to the newspaper field, he purchased the Enterprise, which he successfully edited for ten years and then sold, reentering mercantile life as a furniture dealer. He also bought the Index and Enterprise and edited them from 1897 to 1902, retiring from active labors in the latter year on account of ill health.

In 1868 Mr. McElravy was united in marriage in Cedar county to Miss Belle Lewis, daughter of Clarke and Rachel (Wright) Lewis, who came to this county in 1846. Six children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. McElravy, four of whom are living: Mrs. H. E. Kelley of Denver, Colorado; Mrs. C. E. Ball, of Salt Lake City, Utah; Robert C., of Los Angeles, California; and Henry W., of Denver, Colorado. One died in infancy and Ellenor died in 1901.

Mr. McElravy cast his ballot for John C. Breckenridge in 1860, for Abraham Lincoln in 1864, and for Grover Cleveland in 1892. During recent years he has adhered closely to the republican party. Socially, he is connected with the Odd

Fellows, the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Society of the Army of the Tennessee, which was organized at Raleigh, North Carolina, in 1865.

In the course of a long and active life Mr. McElravy has demonstrated his worth as a patriotic citizen, a capable business man and a friend to the weak and unfortunate. He passed through many thrilling experiences in his early career, performing his duty as a soldier with the same conscientious devotion that he has shown in later life, and he has acquired a stability of character that is one of the most valuable traits any man can possess. Today no citizen of Muscatine county is more highly respected than the subject of this sketch.

MICHAEL FRANCIS CRONIN.

Michael Francis Cronin, county superintendent of schools of Muscatine county, was born in Parnell, Iowa, May 11, 1887, and is one of the nine children of Cornelius and Ellen (Flanagan) Cronin. The name indicates the Irish ancestry of the family. The grandfather was born on the Emerald isle and died there when nearly eighty years of age. The maternal grandfather of Professor Cronin was Patrick Flanagan, also a native of Ireland, who on coming to America settled in New Jersey, where he followed general agricultural pursuits. He wedded Mrs. Mary Flanagan, a widow with one son Patrick J. Flanagan, at present residing in Bayonne, New Jersey. Following the Civil war they removed westward, settling in Iowa county, Iowa, where he again took up farm work. They made their home in the vicinity of Parnell until about 1890 and then took up their abode in that town, where Mr. Flanagan lived retired until his death, which occurred when he was about eighty years of age. His widow survived him for some years and passed away in Davenport when about eighty-six years of age. They had a large family, including Ellen, Ann, Sarah, Essie, Kate, Winifred and Elizabeth.

The birth of Cornelius Cronin occurred in County Cork, Ireland, where he remained until nineteen years of age, when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling at Lytle City, Iowa, where he followed railroading for some time. He afterward turned his attention to merchandising, conducting a grocery and feed store, and subsequently went to Parnell, becoming section foreman on the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway. There he made his home until 1893, when he removed to Conroy, Iowa, where he also acted as section foreman. He next located at Wilton, in Muscatine county, in 1895, and has since made his home in that place. He wedded Ellen Flanagan, a native of New Jersey. They are both members of the Catholic church and in that faith they reared their family of nine children, namely: John and William, deceased; Michael F., May E., Emmet J., Elizabeth M., Winifred, Celeste G., and Mabel C.

Professor Cronin, whose name introduces this record, was a little child of five summers when his parents removed from Parnell to Conroy, and during the period of their residence there he acquired his preliminary education. He was eight years of age when he removed with the family to Wilton, and there he continued his education in the public schools until graduated from the high school

with the class of 1905. During much of this time he provided for his own support, being employed during vacation periods and also at times in the hours when school was not in session. Following his graduation he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for two and a half years in Wilton and Moscow townships. In the summer of 1908 he attended the State University of Iowa, at Iowa City, and about the same time announced himself as a candidate for the nomination for county superintendent of schools. He was nominated over J. P. Reed and in the fall of that year was elected to the office over F. M. Witter. He entered upon the duties of the position on the 4th of January, 1909, and has given excellent satisfaction by reason of the capable manner in which he has discharged his duties. He was reelected for a second term, November 8, 1910, over S. R. McKee of Conesville. He taught school up to the time of taking the office. He is the youngest county superintendent in the state of Iowa, having been but twenty-one years of age when elected. His ideas concerning education are not only progressive but also practical, and he believes in the careful systematization of the work of the schools so that substantial results may be quickly secured.

In his political views Professor Cronin is a democrat. He is deputy grand knight of Laurent Council, Knights of Columbus; and is a member of Eagle Lodge, No. 10, A. O. U. W., and of the Commercial and Muscatine Launch Clubs. He is also second lieutenant of Company C of the Iowa National Guard. He is a popular young man whose cordiality and geniality have won him favor with all with whom he has come in contact, while his ability is manifest in the capable discharge of the duties of the office which he is now filling.

WILLIAM E. BLIVEN.

The leaders of the world are comparatively few. The great mass of men are content to remain in the position where environment or ability has placed them without striving to reach a position which gives them a broader outlook and wider opportunities. Occasionally, however, there are found men who forge their way to the front, displaying powers of organization and executive ability which enables them to establish and successfully control important business interests and enterprises. To this class belongs William E. Bliven, one of the most successful business men of Muscatine, a partner of the firm of McKee & Bliven, button manufacturers, whose extensive industrial enterprises furnish employment to between five and six hundred operatives. The business is a monument to the energy, determination and carefully formulated plans of the two partners.

Mr. Bliven is a native of Columbus City, Iowa. He was born on the 29th of June, 1860, and is the elder of the two children of Albert L. and Miriam Alberta (Wheelen) Bliven. His sister Anna is now the wife of James S. McKee, of Muscatine. At an early period in the settlement of the new world the Bliven family was founded in New England. Nathan W. Bliven, the grandfather of William E. Bliven, was born in Connecticut and became one of the pioneer settlers of Columbus City, Iowa. Nathan W. Bliven for many years engaged in business as a lumberman at Boliver, New York. He died when past middle life at Columbus

City, Iowa, shortly after arriving there. His wife bore the maiden name of Lucinda Wheelock, and unto them were born five children, Albert L., Esther, Rosetta, Elizabeth and Hiram W. The mother, after losing her first husband, became the wife of William Todd, and unto them were born two children, Sophia and James.

Albert L. Bliven was only a boy when he came to Iowa with his parents. His birth had occurred in Boliver, New York, but he was largely reared at Columbus City, Iowa, and after attaining his majority he followed railroading for a time. The latter part of his life was devoted to farming and to stock-raising. About 1870 he removed to Conesville, where he died October 9, 1898, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife was a native of Ohio and a daughter of James Wheelen, who was born in Philadelphia and was of Irish descent. He was a hatter by trade but later turned his attention to farming, which he followed at Coshocton, Ohio, until called to his final rest when in middle life. He had married Miss Patience Thompson, and they had three children, Martin, Mary and Miriam A. Of these Miriam became the wife of Albert L. Bliven and for about two years she survived her husband, passing away in 1900 when sixty-eight years of age. Both were consistent members of the German Reformed church.

William E. Bliven was reared in Columbus City and in Conesville, Iowa, mastering the branches of learning taught in the public schools, after which he attended an academy and the State University of Iowa at Iowa City. Entering business life as a merchant, he was connected with the clothing trade in Muscatine until 1898, and in the conduct of his store met with substantial success, energy and close application proving the foundation upon which he built his prosperity. He afterward engaged in the banking business at Tacoma, Washington, and previous to that time he had become financially interested in a button manufacturing business in Muscatine. In 1906 he returned to this city and in connection with James S. McKee is still carrying on the business under the style of the McKee & Bliven Button Company. The business was established in 1895 on a small scale and its growth is indicated by the fact that they now employ between five and six hundred people, selling their goods throughout the United States. Theirs is a splendidly equipped plant, supplied with the latest improved machinery, and the reliable business methods of the house combined with the attractiveness of the output has brought to them a very extensive and gratifying patronage. Mr. Bliven is a man of resourceful business ability and aside from his manufacturing interest in Muscatine is connected with a number of important business undertakings. He is the vice president of the Muscatine State Bank, is president of the Kelso State Bank of Kelso, Washington, and is treasurer of the Willapa Lumber Company of Raymond, Washington. He also owns farm lands in Muscatine county.

In June, 1888, Mr. Bliven was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Canon, a native of Muscatine and a daughter of Joshua and Rhoda (Smalley) Canon, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. Mr. and Mrs. Bliven are the parents of four children, Miriam, Helen, Albert and Anna.

In his political views Mr. Bliven is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church and are greatly interested in all that pertains not only to its welfare but to the substantial progress and upbuilding of the community at large.

His cooperation can always be counted upon when progressive public measures are at stake. Moreover, through his business activity he has contributed in large measure to the substantial upbuilding of the city. His record is such as any man might be proud to possess, for he has never made engagements that he has not kept nor incurred obligations that he has not met. At all times his actions have conformed to a high standard of business ethics and he enjoys the unqualified regard of contemporaries and colleagues.

JAMES McELRAVY.

When the tenor of public peace is undisturbed one does not stop to consider that back of this is the eternal, unrelaxing vigilance of men who are constantly engaged in the duty of suppressing crime and lawlessness, and that peace, liberty and protection are fruits of a well organized police system. Such, however, is the case, and at the present writing James McElravy is filling the position of chief of police of Muscatine, his loyalty and capability in office proving of the utmost benefit to the city. He was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, October 8, 1855, a son of James and Jane (McCormick) McElravy, both of whom were natives of Scotland. The father was a coal miner and coming to America, settled in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, whence he removed westward to Muscatine, Iowa, about 1859. Ten years later he met death in a mine, being killed by a rock falling upon him. In early manhood he had wedded Jane McCormick, a daughter of John McCormick, who was a native of Scotland and died there in middle life. The widowed mother afterward came to America with her family of three daughters and two sons, namely: Robert, John, Jane, Esther and Mrs. Wisely. Of the marriage of James McElravy and Jane McCormick there were born six children: James, of this review; Thomas; Mary Jane, the wife of H. M. Bell, of Muscatine; Martha, the deceased wife of John Clark; and two who died in childhood. The mother of this family survived her husband for a number of years, passing away in 1883 at the age of sixty-five. In religious faith she was a Presbyterian, devoted to the welfare of her church and to her family and ever loyal to her friends.

James McElravy was reared in Muscatine from the age of five years and attended the public schools, pursuing his studies in the old No. 2 school. He afterward followed various occupations, including brick-making and boiler-making but has been connected with the police force of the city much of the time since 1885. In 1910 he was appointed to the position of chief of police by the city council and is now acceptably filling that office.

On the 15th of September, 1886, Mr. McElravy was married to Miss Minnie Soehren, who was born in Walcott, Scott county, Iowa, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rheimer Soehren, who were natives of Germany and became early residents of Scott county. Her father died a number of years ago, but her mother is still living. In their family were seven children: Susan, the wife of John Ely; Lizzie, the wife of Mont Kent; Minnie, now Mrs. McElravy; Philip, who makes his home in Davenport, Iowa; Joseph, also of that city; Theressa, the wife

of John Struve, a resident of Moline, Illinois; and Bettie, the wife of Joseph Meuimmann, of Davenport.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McElravy has been blessed with four children, as follows; Hazel Emeline, the wife of Paul Fisher, of Muscatine, by whom she has a son, Paul James; Helen Corinne, at home; Marguerite, who died in infancy; and James, who is still in school.

The family residence is at No. 110 Foster street, Mr. McElravy there having a good home. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he holds membership with the Maccabees and the Modern Woodmen of America. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he is able to support his position by intelligent argument. For over a half century he has been a resident of Muscatine, so that he is largely familiar with much of its history and has ever been an interested witness of its growth and development. Few men are more widely known in the city and a genial manner and cordial disposition have made Mr. McElravy popular with an extensive circle of friends.

CHARLES CLARENCE BRAUNWARTH.

A most progressive spirit has characterized the business record of Charles Clarence Braunwarth, a shoe manufacturer of Muscatine. Strong purpose and unfaltering industry are among his chief characteristics and throughout his business career he has carried forward to successful completion his carefully formulated plans. Few men are more widely or more favorably known in this city than Mr. Braunwarth, for he is one of Muscatine county's native sons, his birth having here occurred on the 14th of January, 1861. The family name indicates the German ancestry. His grandfather, Michael Braunwarth, was born in Germany and followed the occupation of farming in that country until 1855, when he crossed the Atlantic to America, taking up his abode in the home of his son Jacob in Muscatine. There he died in 1868. His wife bore the maiden name of Johanna Niebling and they had four children, Jacob, Michael, Hauslet and Marguerite.

The eldest son, Jacob Braunwarth, was born at Langenau, Wurtemberg, Germany, November 7, 1812, and in the schools of that place acquired his education while spending his youthful days in his parents' home. After extensive travel through European countries, he came to America in the spring of 1849, landing at New Orleans. He had previously learned the shoemaker's trade in Germany and for a decade had traveled over that country and other parts of Europe, where he worked as a journeyman. On coming to the United States he first set foot on American soil in the Crescent city and gradually traveled northward, making his way to St. Louis and then to Vandalia, Illinois, where he remained from 1849 until 1855, working at his trade. In the latter year he came to Muscatine and embarked in business as a shoe merchant. For about forty years he conducted his store, making it one of the leading commercial interests of the city. In 1849 he married Miss Louisa Wagner, also a native of Germany and a daughter of Henry Wagner, who was born in that country and there learned the

trailer's trade. After coming to the new world he settled at Vandalia, Illinois, where he conducted a tailoring business for many years. Both he and his wife lived to old age. Their family numbered but two children, Louisa and Charles, the former the wife of Jacob Braunwarth. In the years of an active business career the father of our subject made for himself an honored name and gained a creditable position in the commercial circles of Muscatine. His record remained an untarnished one to the end and his name became the synonym for business activity, enterprise and integrity. He passed from life on the evening of April 5, 1897, when more than seventy-two years of age and thus Muscatine lost one of its oldest and most esteemed citizens, one whose probity and honor were ever above question. He cared nothing for social activities and when not occupied with his business his chief delight was to spend his leisure hours at home with his family. He was a broad reader and the taste which he displayed in the selection of books was excellent. He ever warmly encouraged his children in their studies and was very anxious that they should have good educational privileges, knowing the value of thorough mental training and discipline as a preparation for life's practical work. Unto him and his wife were born seven children: Sarah, who is a practicing physician, Anna, who is also practicing medicine in Chicago; Emma, who is likewise engaged in the practice of medicine; Charles C., of this review; Jessie; Alice, the wife of Frank Halstead, a practicing physician of Muscatine; and William, also of this city.

Charles C. Braunwarth, whose name introduces this record, was born and reared in Muscatine and at the usual age began his education in the public schools, from which he was graduated on the completion of the high-school course in the class of 1879. When nine years of age his father gave him twenty-five cents with which to buy a bed-ticking apron and he began right then to learn the shoemaker's trade, working in the morning and evening hours and attending school during the regular session of the day. He also worked at the shoemaker's bench on Saturdays and did not know what it was to have a holiday. He followed in his father's footsteps, obeyed his instructions and cultivated habits of industry and economy which have constituted valuable factors in his success in later years. When he was graduated from school he had his trade learned and continued to work with his father until the latter's death, after which he became his father's successor in the business that he still carries on at the old location, at No. 112 East Second street, where the business has now been conducted for almost sixty years.

In May, 1904, Mr. Braunwarth was married to Miss Anna Keck, a native of Wapello, Iowa, and a daughter of John and Anna M. Keck. Her father died in Wapello in 1898 but her mother is still living. They were the parents of four sons and a daughter, John, Fred, Henry, Louis and Anna. Mr. and Mrs. Braunwarth have become the parents of one child, Alpha Keck. The family residence is at Sixth and Linn streets, where Mr. Braunwarth owns a fine residence. He also has other city property which is the evidence of his success in the field of business which he has chosen as his life work.

He is a prominent and exemplary Mason, holding membership in Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., of which he is worshipful master; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 1.

K. T.; Zarephath Consistory, A. & A. S. R., of Davenport, Iowa; and Kaaba Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. Both he and his wife hold membership with the Eastern Star. Politically he is an active democrat. He greatly enjoys hunting and fishing and in collaboration with Philip Mackey has written a valuable and interesting history on hunting and fishing in Iowa, covering a period of about seventy-five years. The volume contains the names of a great many noted hunters and fishermen during that period. The success he has achieved is such as to allow leisure in which to indulge his love of sports and yet he is pre-eminently a business man, active and energetic, his well directed labors having brought him the success which is the fitting crown of his well spent years.

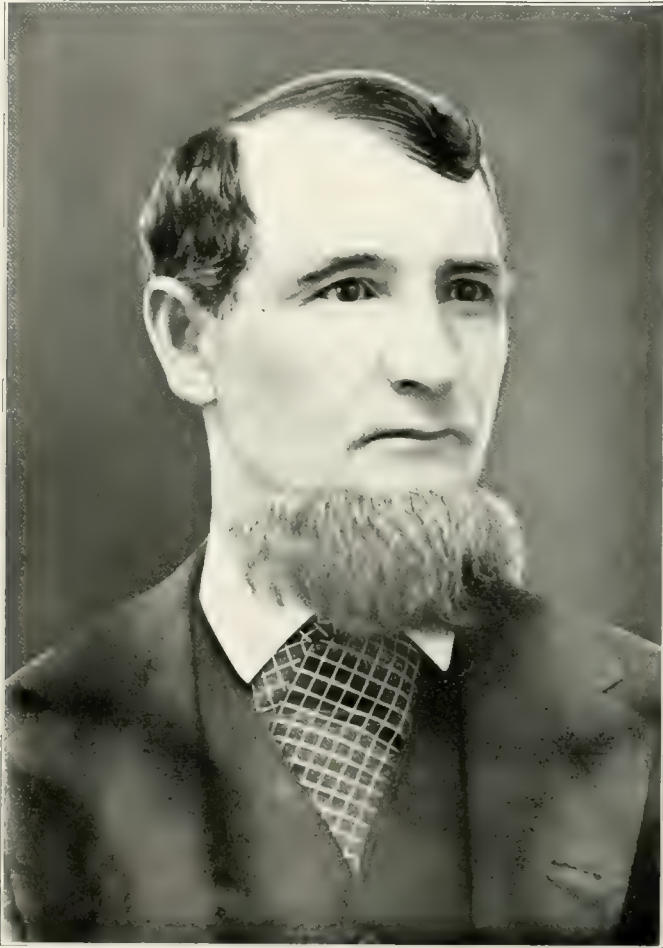
FRANKLIN BARNES.

Franklin Barnes, deceased, was for nearly fifty years prominently connected with the agricultural interests of Muscatine county. He gained an acknowledged standing not only as a leading farmer, but also as a man who contributed his full share toward the upbuilding of the county and in enhancing the comfort and happiness of those with whom he was associated.

Born in Knox county, Ohio, December 30, 1833, he was the son of Enos and Charlotte (Bagley) Barnes. The father was a native of Vermont and the grandfather of New Hampshire, the family being of English descent. Enos Barnes enlisted as a soldier in the war of 1812, but was never called into service. In 1818 he removed with his family to Athens county, Ohio, and later became a resident of Knox county. By trade he was a blacksmith, and he followed that occupation in connection with farming. In 1838, believing that more favorable opportunities were presented in the great west, he made a trip to Iowa and bought land on section 12, Wapsinonoc township. He returned to the Buckeye state and the next year brought his family to Iowa, where he spent the remainder of his days. He passed away in November, 1880, having arrived at the age of four-score years. The beloved wife and mother died in 1883 at the age of eighty-three years. Both were members of the Christian church. Originally a whig, he became a republican upon the organization of that party and continued as a staunch supporter of its candidates. There were nine children in their family, of whom George, Lucy, Almon, Simeon, Gilbert, Charles and Franklin are deceased. Those living are: Amy, now the wife of the Hon. Samuel D. Chesbro, of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Diantha, the widow of J. A. Givens, of Richland, Iowa.

Franklin Barnes came with his parents to Iowa at six years of age and received his education in the district schools of Muscatine county. He was thoroughly instructed by his father in the various details of farming and continued at home until after reaching his majority, purchasing eighty acres of land on section 17, Wapsinonoc township, in 1857. He was a man of thrifty, industrious habits and applied himself to such good purpose that he became the owner of eight hundred and five acres in Wapsinonoc township, his farm being recognized as one of the most valuable pieces of property in Muscatine county. He erected





FRANKLIN BARNES



MRS. ELIZABETH BARNES

a residence which cost three thousand dollars and a barn costing two thousand dollars, and the other buildings were models of convenience. He succeeded admirably as a breeder of fine hogs and horses and indeed was highly successful in any line to which he devoted his attention. In February, 1889, he retired from active life, taking up his residence at West Liberty. His widow now owns three farms in Kansas, of one hundred and sixty acres each, one hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Wapsinonoc township and a fine residence in West Liberty.

In 1857 Mr. Barnes was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth La Rue, born in Wayne county, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Abigail (Knight) La Rue. The parents were both natives of Pennsylvania, the father being a descendant of French ancestry. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, namely: Thedora, now the wife of Robert C. Wagner, of West Liberty, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Susie, the wife of George Gibson, a real-estate man of Winterset, Iowa, and the mother of four children, Ralph, Nellie, Blanche and Clarinda; Fanny L., the wife of Orris Leabhart, who is living retired at Tipton, Iowa, and has one son, Herman; Harry, a farmer living near Beloit, Kansas, who married Miss Bessie Rhodes and has four children: Emery, Ralph, Vernon and Dora; and Nellie, who died in 1893 at the age of nineteen years.

Mr. Barnes died in 1904 and the general expression of regret upon the announcement of his departure gave evidence of the profound regard in which he was held by all who knew him. Politically he was in sympathy with the republican party and religiously he was identified with the Christian church. Mrs. Barnes is a valued member of the same church and also of the Ladies Aid Society. She is a lady of kindly and benevolent qualities and is greatly respected by the entire community.

EDWARD K. TYLER, M. D.

Many accord the practice of medicine the highest rank in the classification of different lines of business according to usefulness. There is no other profession so little commercialized, for every successful physician must possess the spirit of broad humanitarianism which seeks the good of the race even at the sacrifice of personal advancement. In Dr. Edward K. Tyler are found many of the elements which go to make up the competent, capable and sympathetic physician and in his practice in Muscatine he has made substantial and gratifying progress. He has an extensive acquaintance in this county for it was in the town of Fairport that he was born on the 21st of March, 1859, and through the intervening years, with but a brief exception, he has lived in this part of the state.

His parents were William C. and Elizabeth M. (Griffin) Tyler, natives of North Carolina and Alabama respectively. His paternal grandfather was born in North Carolina, where he followed the occupation of farming. The maternal grandfather was born in Alabama, where he followed merchandising and was also the owner of a plantation and many slaves. In early life William C. Tyler be-

came the owner of a tannery and also conducted a boot and shoe store at Citronella, North Carolina. Believing better opportunities might be secured in the middle west, he came to Iowa in 1856, establishing his home at Fairport, where he remained until after the outbreak of the Civil war. His sympathies were with the Union and he enlisted in the famous Greybeard regiment, remaining at the front until stricken with malarial fever, which terminated his life when he was fifty-six years of age. His widow long survived him and passed away in 1908 at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Both were consistent Christian people, their membership being in the Methodist church. Their family numbered nine children, namely: William C., of Illinois City, Illinois; Archibald G., of Muscatine; Dr. Edward K., of this review; Henry L., of Vernon, Iowa; Mary, the wife of M. J. Kennelly, of El Dorado, Arkansas; and John K., Missouri, Elizabeth May and Charles P., all of whom have passed away.

Edward K. Tyler was reared in Muscatine county and was in the school of the soldier's orphans until thirteen years of age. He afterward attended the public schools in Muscatine and subsequently spent two years in the south. He then took up the subject of medicine in the office and under the direction of Dr. W. S. Robinson, and was graduated from the medical department of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City in 1882. He first located for practice in Illinois City, Illinois, where he remained until 1887, when he opened an office in Muscatine, where for twenty-three years he has followed his profession, maintaining a foremost position as a prominent representative of the medical fraternity here.

On the 4th of July, 1896, Dr. Tyler was married to Miss Louise M. Hedges, a native of Marengo, Johnson county, Iowa, and a daughter of Christian Hedges. By her marriage she has become the mother of two children, Odetta M. and Dorothy L. The family residence is at No. 312 West Fourth street, Dr. Tyler having erected the home there in 1905.

He and his wife are members of the Methodist church and their many sterling traits of character have gained for them firm hold upon the affection of those who know them. His fraternal relations are with Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., and his political support is given to the republican party but he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession through his membership in the Muscatine County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Original research and investigation also promote his efficiency and advance him in the ranks of the medical fraternity, where he has long occupied a prominent place.

SIMON GERBERICH STEIN.

An analyzation of the life record of Simon Gerberich Stein indicates the fact that he has shaped his actions by the rules which govern strict and unswerving business integrity and indefatigable industry. It is true that he entered upon business interests already established, but in controlling and enlarging these many a man of less resolute a spirit would have failed. His record stands as

proof of the fact that success is not a matter of genius, as held by some, but is rather the outcome of clear judgment and experience.

Muscatine is proud to number Dr. Stein among her native sons. He was born December 12, 1861, of the marriage of Simon G. and Ann Catharine (Berntheisel) Stein, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They had but two children, the elder being Barbara Angeline, the deceased wife of Arthur M. Barnhart of Chicago, Illinois. The surname indicates the German ancestry of the family, yet from colonial days the ancestors of our subject have lived in America. The lineage is traced back to John Sebastian Stein, who was born in Grumbach, Rheingrabenstein province, Germany on the 1st of October, 1696. He was the father of John Abraham Stein, who was born in 1724, and became the father of John Philip Stein, who was born in 1760. His son Abraham Stein, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1788, and made farming his life occupation. He married Anna Barbara Gerberich, and both lived to an advanced age. They reared a family of five children: Abram G., John G., Daniel G., Barbara and Simon G. The maternal grandfather of Simon Gerberich Stein was Matthias Berntheisel a native of Pennsylvania, born in South Lebanon township, Lebanon county. He made farming his life work, thus supporting his family. He married Nancy Huber and they spent their entire lives in Lebanon county, where his death occurred when he was in middle age, his widow surviving until she had reached an advanced age. They were the parents of four children: Enos, Josiah, Ann Catharine, and one who died in infancy.

Of that family Ann Catharine Berntheisel became the wife of Simon Gerberich Stein, Sr. The latter was reared in East Hanover township, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, spending his youthful days upon his father's farm, and acquiring during that period a good common-school education. He afterward removed westward to Ohio and subsequently became a resident of Moline, Illinois, where he was employed in the old Sears mill. In 1849 he came with a lumber raft to Muscatine, bringing a supply of lumber for the retail trade. From that time to the present the name of Stein has figured prominently in the business circles of the city and enterprise and progress here have largely been conserved through the efforts of Simon Gerberich Stein, Sr., and his son, who is also his namesake. In 1850 the firm of S. G. & P. Stein, was organized for the conduct of a furniture store, which was managed by the junior partner—Philip Stein. About the same time S. G. Stein became one of the founders of the Merchants Exchange Bank, the successor of the Isett & Brewster Bank, and the predecessor of the Merchants Exchange National Bank and later, the First National Bank. He was chosen to the presidency of the institution and remained as its chief executive, continuing as president of the First National Bank up to the time of his death. For forty-three years he was a resident of Muscatine, and his business ability constituted a valuable feature in the growth and prosperity of the city. He quickly and correctly solved the intricate problems of banking, and yet this did not cover the scope of his business activity, for he was also prominent in the management of other concerns. He was president of the Muscatine Oat Meal Company, a director of the Muscatine Water Works Company, and vice president of the Muscatine Savings Bank. He was

also a part owner with Captain Andrew Davidson of the old Ida May ferry boat, and was actively interested in the organization and building of what was then the Muscatine & Western Railway, now a part of the Rock Island system. In public affairs he also figured prominently, and his opinions carried weight where subjects relative to the welfare of the commonwealth were under discussion. In 1870 he served as one of the commissioners who had in charge the building of the state capitol. He also twice served as mayor of Muscatine, and the personal popularity reposed in him by his fellow citizens is indicated in the fact that at his second election he was made the nominee of both parties and had no opposition. His life record, which had its beginning in East Hanover township, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, on the 7th of March, 1818, was brought to a close in Muscatine on the 11th of January, 1892. His wife, who was also a native of Lebanon county, born March 3, 1823, traveled life's journey for seventy-eight years, passing away on the 5th of June, 1901. Both became members of the Lutheran church in early life, but attended the First Presbyterian church of Muscatine.

Inspired by the example of his honored father, Simon Gerberich Stein, Jr., has made steady progress in business circles, and by his excellent record has added to the splendid reputation of the family. He was reared in Muscatine, where he attended the public schools, however supplementing his early education by study in the old Chicago University, where he remained as a student from 1878 until he was graduated in 1883, at which time the Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him. From 1886 until 1889, he attended the Chicago Medical College, now the medical department of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois. In 1890 he went abroad and traveled for fourteen months in the principal countries of Europe and also entered Asia as a tourist in Syria. In 1891 he returned to his native land. He found that his father's health was failing, and at his father's death he was elected a member of the directing boards of the different companies with which his father was associated, thus taking up the work which the Hon. Simon Gerberich Stein had laid down. He was made vice president of the First National Bank, and proving his ability, business sagacity and unfaltering enterprise, he was chosen to the presidency of the bank upon the death of H. W. Moore. He was also made president of the Muscatine Oat Meal Company, so serving until it was merged into the Great Western Cereal Company, after which he served as a director in the latter for several years. He was likewise a director in the Muscatine Water Works Company until the property was sold to the city. He has been a library trustee of the P. M. Musser Library since its establishment.

On the 17th of March, 1896, Dr. Stein was married to Miss Clarissa Ormiston Sawyer, a native of Hamilton, Canada, and a daughter of Stephen Payson and Frances (Gillit) Sawyer. Her father was a native of West Amesbury, Massachusetts. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Stein have been born two children, Simon Gerberich and Samuel Sawyer. The parents are very prominent socially and are devoted members of the First Presbyterian church in which Dr. Stein is serving as a trustee and treasurer. His political indorsement is stanchly given to the republican party. He is very prominent in fraternal organizations, holding membership in Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4,

R. A. M.; Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Kaaba Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Davenport; and Zarephath Consistory, No. 4, A. & A. S. R., of Davenport. In 1909 he also received the degree of K. C. C. H. He likewise belongs to Muscatine Lodge, No. 5, Prairie Encampment, N. 4, I. O. O. F.; Wyoming Lodge, No. 76, K. P.; and Muscatine Camp, No. 106, M. W. A.

There is no resident of Muscatine more loyal and true to his honest convictions than Simon Gerberich Stein, whether it be in professional, social, political or religious life, and his service, therefore, has been of the greatest possible value to his fellowmen. He has accomplished much in the business world and his varied enterprises have been of such a character that they have benefited the country and advanced the general prosperity while contributing to his success. A man of strong force of character, determined purpose and sound judgment, he has had not only the ability to plan but also to execute large business interests, and through all the years of his successful career he has maintained a reputation for commercial integrity that is above question.

OTTIE S. SNYDER.

Ottie S. Snyder is one of the successful business men of Muscatine, conducting a livery stable and carriage repository at Nos. 213 and 215 West Front street. He is a native of this city, his birth having here occurred on the 3d of February, 1867, the only child of William H. and Rebecca (Bitzer) Snyder, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The family comes of German ancestry, although the first representatives of the name in America settled here at an early period in the colonization of the new world. It is definitely known that his great-grandparents were residents of Pennsylvania, for in that state his grandfather, Samuel Snyder, was born. By his first marriage he had but one child, William H. Following the death of his first wife Samuel Snyder married again and by that union had a daughter, who became the wife of a Mr. Metcalf and died in Colorado. At the time of the war of 1812 Samuel Snyder espoused the cause of his country and did active duty at the front. He was a minister of the United Brethren church and labored in various communities to spread the truth of the gospel. He lost his life at Lawrence, Kansas, as the result of a barbarous attack by bushwhackers.

William H. Snyder, father of O. S. Snyder, was reared to manhood in the Keystone state and on removing westward became one of the early settlers of Muscatine. Here he engaged in driving a team for the Chambers Lumber Company and also for the Musser Lumber Company and his early work foreshadowed his business interests in later life. Subsequently he established a transfer line and also carried the mail for more than twenty years. On the expiration of that period he turned his attention to the livery business, which he followed until his death. He built a large barn and had an extensive patronage, for he was always straightforward in his dealings and put forth earnest efforts to please his patrons.

He died October 1, 1898, and his wife passed away December 6, 1897. Both were members of the United Brethren church.

Ottie S. Snyder was reared in Muscatine and at the usual age was sent as a pupil to the public schools. After putting aside his text-books he worked with his father and upon the latter's death became his successor as owner of the livery business. He conducts a very extensive livery barn, unsurpassed in the state of Iowa, and in addition has a carriage repository for carriages, buggies, wagons and harness. Through his entire business career he has been looked upon as a model of integrity and honor and his record is an example of what determination and force can accomplish for a man of natural ability and strength of character.

In 1898 Mr. Snyder was married to Miss Rosa Hinkhouse, a native of Cedar county, Iowa, and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Hinkhouse, who were natives of Germany. Coming to America, they settled in Cedar county, Iowa, and many years ago became residents of Muscatine. The father was at one time proprietor of a lime kiln and hauled lime from Cedar county to Muscatine in an early day. Both he and his wife died in this city, where they had long made their home and where they were accorded the friendship and high regard of many who knew them. They had three children: Minnie, Rosa and a son, but Mrs. Snyder is the only one now living. She is a member of the Lutheran church and has a wide acquaintance in the city in which almost her entire life has been passed.

Mr. Snyder votes with the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. He belongs to the Mechanics Aid Society and to the Muscatine fire department and is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of the city. Any movement tending to benefit Muscatine can count upon his hearty cooperation and aid. He is a man of strong force of character, determined purpose and sound judgment and through all the long years of his residence in Muscatine he has maintained a reputation for honesty in business affairs that is above question.

ELMER E. DAVIDSON.

Elmer E. Davidson, a highly respected citizen of Muscatine, who has gained his present position through his energy and good judgment, was born in this city, June 11, 1861. He is a son of William L. and Mary (Dunn) Davidson, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Pennsylvania. The father was a carpenter and came to Muscatine in 1838, being one of the pioneers in this part of the state. Here he followed his trade and engaged in contracting. At the time of the Civil war he was in the employ of the United States government, building gunboats at St. Louis. He lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years, his wife passing away at the age of eighty-seven. They were both consistent church members and highly respected in the community where they made their home. The maternal grandfather of our subject was James Dunn, a native of Pennsylvania, of Scotch-Irish descent. He was a wagon-maker by trade and came to Muscatine about 1840 and operated a wagon shop at the forks of the road, about two and one-half miles west of the town. In

those early days many emigrants were passing westward and he found steady employment in repairing their wagons. He came of a long-lived family and died at the age of ninety-seven years, his wife being called away after she had reached the age of ninety years. They were the parents of the following children that grew to maturity, Margaret, Mary, John, Kimmel, Samuel and Joseph. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Davidson: Sarah, now the wife of O. K. Greeley, of Billings, Montana; Zachary T., of Acton, California; Thomas, of Muscatine; James, deceased; Elmer E., our subject; and Ida, the wife of Samuel Borger, of Muscatine.

Elmer E. Davidson was reared in Muscatine and vicinity and educated in the public schools. After laying his books aside he began work in a sawmill and later carried on gardening on Muscatine island and was identified with the railroad business. He then manufactured cans for several years for a canning factory at Muscatine and for five years was associated with a Mr. St. John in a grocery store. Since 1896 he has been identified with the book and stationery business and maintains a news stand. He is also a stockholder in the Muscatine State Bank.

On the 24th of November, 1885, Mr. Davidson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Pilgrim, a daughter of George and Lizzie Pilgrim, both natives of Germany. She was born at Hesse-Cassel, Germany, and came to America with her father in 1871, the mother having previously died in the old country. Mr. Pilgrim is now living in Muscatine. There were three children in his family, Reinhard, Elizabeth and Henry. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Davidson two children have been born, Fred E. and Gertrude.

Mrs. Davidson holds membership in the German Lutheran church and is one of the active workers of that organization. Since arriving at manhood Mr. Davidson has been a supporter of the men and principles of the republican party and for six years he filled the office of city treasurer of Muscatine, discharging his duties with a fidelity that met the hearty approval of the tax-payers. He has been a resident of Muscatine for nearly fifty years and has witnessed most of its substantial growth. Here he has a large acquaintance and a host of friends whose regard he has gained by the influence of an upright life and the application of those principles of kindness and good fellowship in everyday affairs that never fail to receive merited recognition.

FRED BEACH.

Proof of the productiveness of Muscatine as a place of residence and of the opportunities which it affords its citizens is found in the fact that many of the city's native sons still retain their residence here and are now numbered among the successful business men. This class includes Fred Beach, secretary and treasurer of the Mira Hershey Lumber Company. He was born in Muscatine, August 2, 1868, a son of Benjamin and Mary Josephine (Meason) Beach, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. Beach was reared in this city and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. He acted as clerk in the postoffice while his father was postmaster and afterward entered the employ of the Hershey Lumber Company, with which he has been connected for twenty-two years. No higher testimonial of faithful service and capability could be given than the fact that he has been so long connected with this company, and his developing powers are evidenced in the promotions that have come to him from time to time. The old company operated a sawmill here but that business was discontinued in 1902 and a new company was organized, called the Mira Hershey Lumber Company, of which Mr. Beach is the secretary and treasurer and one of the stockholders. His long connection with the business, giving him a thorough knowledge of every department, enables him to capably direct the interests of the corporation at the present time.

In a pleasant home at No. 800 West Third street Mr. Beach resides with his family. He was married on the 11th of October, 1893, to Miss Emma Rankin, a daughter of Burris B. Rankin. They now have two children, Glyde Marie and George Burton. Mrs. Beach was born in Lake township, Muscatine county, and her parents were natives of Ohio but became early settlers of this locality, where the father took up the occupation of farming. Both he and his wife passed away in this county. They had a family of seven children: William, Job, Elizabeth, Mary, Cidney, Edna and Emma.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Beach hold membership in the Presbyterian church and are loyal to its teachings, active in its work and generous in its support. His political indorsement is given to the republican party but he has never sought nor desired political office. He served for two terms as a member of the school board and the cause of education has found in him a stalwart champion. In fact his influence is always on the side of progress, whether along material, intellectual, social, political or moral lines. His cooperation can be counted upon to further the public good and wherever he is known he is spoken of in terms of high regard and honor because of his fidelity to manly principles as well as his activity in business, that has been crowned by successful accomplishment.

FREDERICK HENRY LITTLE, M. D.

Dr. Frederick Henry Little is well known as a representative of the medical profession in eastern Iowa and also is an active promoter of various business enterprises which have proved of substantial worth in the upbuilding and prominence of the city of Muscatine. His well equipped office in the German-American Bank building indicates his understanding and utilization of the most modern methods of medical and surgical practice.

He is one of the native sons of the county, his birth having occurred near the city of Muscatine, December 3, 1855. He is a representative of one of the old and prominent pioneer families of this part of the state. His paternal grandfather, Gabriel Little, was a native of New York and of Scotch-Irish descent.



F. H. LITTLE

He was reared to the occupation of farming and made it his life work. He chose as a companion and helpmate for life's journey Miss Eunice Arnot, and in the year 1851 they removed westward to Muscatine county, where they became widely and favorably known in pioneer days, while the period of later development brought them many friends. Mr. Little reached the venerable age of eighty-three years, while his wife died at the age of sixty-nine years. Their only daughter, Margaret, became the wife of George Wiley.

Their son, J. G. H. Little, who was born in Middletown, Orange county, New Jersey, accompanied his parents to Iowa in 1851, was reared upon the old homestead farm and after arriving at years of maturity was married to Miss Anna R. Ziegler, a native of Butler county, Pennsylvania, who when a little maiden of six summers was brought to this state in the year 1840. Her parents were John and Sarah (Reid) Ziegler. The former, a native of Pennsylvania and of German descent, became a farmer, merchant and manufacturer, and in the year 1840 he came westward from Pittsburg with a stock of goods and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Muscatine, opening a store at what is now No. 120 West Second street. This was one of the first mercantile enterprises of the town, and he carried on business there for a number of years, having a general line of goods. His life's labors were ended in death when he was eighty years of age, and his wife passed away at the age of fifty-seven years. Their family included George, John, Anna, Mary, Bell and Stella Ziegler. The mother, Mrs. Sarah (Reid) Ziegler, was a daughter of Lieutenant Samuel Reid, who served with the Eleventh, Third and First Pennsylvania Regiments of the Continental line in defense of American liberty at the time of the Revolutionary war.

Following the marriage of J. G. H. Little and Anna R. Ziegler, they took up their abode upon a farm three miles north of Muscatine, where they lived until 1876, and then established their home in the county seat. The father carried on general agricultural pursuits during the greater part of his life, but later became identified with the Iowa Mortgage Company and afterward with the Prairie Cattle Company of Tascosa, Texas. His next business connection was with the Bakersfield Land Company of Bakersfield, California. Both he and his wife were members of the Episcopal church and died in that faith, the former passing away in Muscatine in 1893 at the age of fifty-seven years, and the latter in 1900 when sixty-six years of age.

Dr. Little, their only child, was reared in Muscatine and at the usual age became a pupil in the public schools, in which he passed through consecutive grades as the years advanced. His consideration of the field of business and its many avenues of activity led him to the determination of making the practice of medicine his life work. He began studying along that line in March, 1876, and was graduated from the college of medicine of the University of Iowa on the 5th of March, 1879. He has since practiced in Muscatine, and his close conformity to a high standard of professional ethics has won him the high and unqualified regard of the members of the medical fraternity. He belongs to the Muscatine County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association, and also to the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States. Aside from the private practice of his profession, he has done considerable public work, being the first member of the board of health

of Muscatine in 1880. He was also surgeon general of Iowa for four years on the staff of Governor Boies, and was surgeon of the Second Regiment Iowa National Guard from 1888 until 1890. He has likewise been a member of the staff of the Hershey Hospital and president of the board of pension examiners. Aside from his more strictly professional interests, Dr. Little is well known in business circles, his energy and keen discernment proving potent factors in the successful management of important financial and commercial interests. He is a director of the German-American Savings Bank, the Roach-Musser Sash & Door Company, a director and treasurer of the German-American Timber Company, a director of the American Security Company of Davenport, and a director of the Puritan Ice Company. His ability enables him to find ready solution for intricate business problems and where a man of less resolute spirit would become discouraged by events which seem to promise little, he coordinates forces so that substantial results are achieved.

On the 5th of April, 1906, Dr. Little was married to Miss Amelia Timm, a daughter of Frederick and Caroline (Stegmann) Timm. A social nature makes Dr. Little appreciative of pleasant companionship and the relations of friendship. He belongs to Iowa Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter No. 4, R. A. M.; Webb Council; De Molay Commandery No. 1, K. T.; Zarephath Consistory, A. & A. S. R.; and Kaaba Temple, N. M. S. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party, and while he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking, he has always been willing to do his full share in promoting the welfare and progress of the city. He has served as a member of the school board for three years, and his efforts have been an element in the material, intellectual and social development of Muscatine.

CHESTER WEED.

Among the leaders in the early days in Muscatine was Chester Weed, a man whose name will ever be gratefully remembered as one of Muscatine's most public-spirited and enterprising citizens. He spent more than thirty-three years of his life in this city and bore a most important part in its development. He was born at Canton, Connecticut, March 16, 1819, and was a son of Dr. Benjamin Weed. He received a good education and as his father wished him to follow the profession of medicine, he devoted one year to the study of *materia medica*, physiology and anatomy, but his tastes inclined to commercial life, so he gave up medicine. His early capacity for business affairs attracted the attention of Samuel Collins, proprietor of a large cutlery factory at Collinsville, Connecticut, and Mr. Weed was employed by him as bookkeeper, being soon advanced to the positions of treasurer, paymaster and general manager. However, he was attracted to the west and came to Muscatine, then Bloomington, in 1841. He was preceded to this city by his father, who came in 1839 in company with a son James, and a daughter Elizabeth A., who later married Joseph Bridgman of this city. Dr. Benjamin Weed practiced medicine here until his

death. James Weed engaged in the practice of dentistry until 1842, when he purchased the farm later known as the Dr. James Weed farm on the graded road and engaged in raising nursery stock and fruit trees, calling the place the Iowa Pomological and Horticultural Gardens. He also devoted some attention to dairying and was the inventor of a number of appliances which he patented. He was one of the leading advocates of the Muscatine & Linn County Graded Road Company, organized early in the '50s, and he gave to the city in 1899 a tract of land now known as Weed Park.

Chester Weed, coming to Muscatine at twenty-two years of age, brought with him a camera obscura and secured that year probably the first daguerreotypes taken in the west, having learned the art in Boston. He opened a gallery here and in Iowa City, but soon afterward sold his outfit and became clerk in the store of Joseph Bennett. In the fall of 1843 he associated with his brother-in-law, Joseph Bridgman, in the general mercantile business under the title of Bridgman & Weed, so continuing until 1851, when the title was changed to C. Weed, Mr. Bridgman having temporarily gone on the river as clerk of the steamer *Golden Era*, but he soon rejoined the firm, which was reorganized as C. Weed & Company. In 1859 Charles E. Kent became a member, the style of the firm being Weed, Bridgman & Kent. After Mr. Kent's retirement it was changed to Weed & Bridgman, succeeded by Bridgman & Son in 1877.

During the '40s Mr. Weed bought a farm of three hundred and twenty acres, known as the Warfield place and now as the Park place, and raised well bred horses. He also represented the Aetna, Phoenix and other insurance companies and became one of the most active and popular business men of Muscatine, being interested in many enterprises. He was president of the Muscatine branch of the State Bank of Iowa when it was first organized in 1858, continuing in that capacity until 1860. He also acted as cashier of the bank for several months after the retirement of J. W. Dutton and was a director during the bank's existence, furnishing funds for its relief when it was threatened with financial embarrassment. This bank was reorganized December 30, 1864, as the Muscatine National Bank and Mr. Weed was elected vice president. He was president of the Muscatine Gas Light & Coke Company on its organization February 19, 1857, and in 1856 began in the pork-packing business in company with others. He was also at one time owner of the Commercial hotel and acquired a half interest in the Muscatine Mills, formerly Bennett's Mills. He possessed remarkable foresight and judgment in business affairs and became one of the wealthiest business men in the city. In the midst of his usefulness he passed away December 7, 1874, and the universal expression of sorrow throughout the entire city gave evidence of the profound respect in which he was held. Few men have been so largely identified with the progress of Muscatine as Chester Weed. In addition to being an extensive property holder, he was active in many public enterprises and contributed freely of his means and his talents in forwarding the general welfare. He possessed large capacity, rare judgment and keen perception, and his unquestioned sincerity gave him an influence which is seldom accorded a private citizen.

On the 31st day of July, 1873, Mr. Weed was united in marriage at Muscatine to Miss Cora Chaplin, a daughter of Charles W. and Helen Marr (Sher-

man) Chaplin, the former of whom was born in New York state, July 18, 1815, and the latter, July 21, 1826. Mr. and Mrs. Weed became the parents of one child who died in infancy. Mrs. Weed was born at Quincy, Illinois, July 31, 1844, and about a year later was brought to this city by her parents, having spent the remainder of her life here. She died in August, 1910.

CHARLES MARK BUTLER.

Charles Mark Butler is successfully engaged in the real-estate, loan and collection business at Muscatine, having offices at No. 209 Iowa avenue, and also acts as a notary public. His birth occurred in Johnson county, Missouri, on the 14th of November, 1872, his parents being William H. and Sarah M. (McPherson) Butler, who were natives of Illinois and Kentucky respectively. Mark McPherson, the great-grandfather of our subject in the maternal line, served as a soldier in the Revolutionary war and was promoted to the rank of captain for bravery. William H. Butler, the paternal grandfather, was a wagon-maker by trade and became an early settler of Vermilion county, Illinois. He made his home in Catlin, Illinois, and there both he and his wife passed away. They had two children who reached mature years, William H. and Josephine. Mark McPherson, the maternal grandfather of Charles M. Butler, was a native of Kentucky and a gentleman of Scotch-Irish descent. In early manhood he engaged in the practice of law in the Blue Grass state but later removed to Henry county, Missouri, where he followed that profession and also served as justice of the peace for many years. He lived to a ripe old age, passing away in 1906. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Betty Henley, was called to her final rest in 1872. The names of their children were as follows: Joseph, Mary, Sarah M., Agnes, John, Fanny, Emma and Watson.

William H. Butler, the father of the gentleman whose name introduces this review, was reared in Vermilion county, Illinois, and at the time of the Civil war enlisted in Company I, Thirty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving with that command for more than three years. He was ever a brave and loyal soldier and was discharged on account of wounds received at the battles of Pea Ridge and Cross Hollows. When hostilities had ceased he settled on a farm near Windsor, Missouri, and was actively identified with agricultural pursuits for a number of years. He passed away near Kincaid, Kansas, in 1879, at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine years. Three of his six children are yet living, namely: John H., of Kansas City, Missouri; Charles M., of this review; and Agnes M., the wife of J. M. Anderson, of Kansas City.

Charles Mark Butler acquired a common-school education in his youthful years, which were spent in Missouri and Kansas. After putting aside his text-books he worked at the barber's trade and subsequently became connected with the jewelry business. He made his home in Kansas City, Missouri, for a number of years and during the greater part of the time was successfully engaged in the real-estate and insurance business. The year 1907 witnessed his arrival

in Muscatine, Iowa, and here he has since followed the real-estate and insurance business with gratifying results, having a large clientage.

On the 8th of July, 1894, Mr. Butler was united in marriage to Miss Georgie Hensick, a daughter of William Hensick, of Marshall, Saline county, Missouri. They have one child, Nannie Marguerite, whose natal day was July 9, 1895. In politics Mr. Butler is a stanch democrat, supporting the men and measures of that party by his ballot. His enterprise and laudable ambition have carried him into business relations and at all times the course that he has pursued has commended him to the good will and confidence of those who know him.

CHARLES WEED BRIDGMAN.

The Bridgman family of which Charles W. Bridgman of Muscatine is a worthy member dates back in this country to James Bridgman, who came to America about 1640 from Winchester, County Hants, England, and settled in Northampton, Massachusetts. Joseph Bridgman, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Massachusetts and a well known lawyer, serving for many years in the legislature of his state. His wife before her marriage was Ruth Hawkes. They both died in Massachusetts and were buried in Belcher-town cemetery. Their children were Frederick, Elizabeth, Arthur, Sarah, Joseph, Frank and Clarissa. The maternal grandfather was Benjamin Weed, a native of Connecticut, who became a physician of well established reputation. He was born January 25, 1789, and died March 5, 1846. He married Ann Seymour, who was born May 24, 1792, and departed this life April 23, 1827. She was a direct descendant of the famous Jane Seymour, wife of Henry VIII of England. There were six children in the family of Dr. and Mrs. Weed: James, Edward, Eliza, Chester, Eliza Ann and Seymour.

Charles W. Bridgman was born in Muscatine, Iowa, February 25, 1848. He is a son of Joseph and Eliza A. (Weed) Bridgman, the former of whom was a native of Massachusetts and the latter of Connecticut. The father was born October 30, 1813, and reared on a Massachusetts farm. Later he went to Boston, and in 1836 he came to Iowa and settled at Muscatine. After this he spent a short time at Burlington, Iowa, but returned to Muscatine in 1844 and was identified with general merchandising—dry-goods, groceries, boots and shoes—and later insurance and real estate until his death, which occurred February 21, 1900, when he was in his eighty-seventh year. At the time of the Civil war he served as captain of the Home Guards in Muscatine and he lived to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the state of Iowa. While he was not an aspirant for public office, he served most acceptably as a member of the city council and had many friends among all classes of citizens. The mother of our subject was born December 7, 1820, and was called to her reward March 19, 1892. She was married in a log cabin, June 4, 1840, in Bloomington, now Muscatine, and may truly be classed among the worthy pioneers of the early days of Iowa.

Charles W. Bridgman was educated in the public and high schools of Muscatine and after laying aside his books began his business career as a clerk in his father's store. He engaged in the manufacture of brick and tile for some time but for thirty years or more has been prominently connected with the real-estate and insurance business under the firm name of J. Bridgman & Son. Being a man of good judgment, he has attained a marked degree of success, and the firm is one of the leading concerns of its kind in Muscatine. He is the owner of considerable valuable city property. He has lived in Muscatine for sixty-two years and it is doubtful whether any man in the city is better acquainted with real-estate values and possibilities than he.

On the 25th of September, 1872, Mr. Bridgman was united in marriage to Miss Anna Barrows Coe, who was born in Knox county, Illinois, August 3, 1850. Her parents were natives of New England and became early settlers of Knox county. Two children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman: Chester C., who married Grayce M. Thomas, of Rathdrum, Idaho, and is the father of one daughter, Maxine; and Elizabeth M., the wife of Oscar R. Brandt, of Muscatine.

Mr. Bridgman was reared in the Presbyterian church but is not identified with any religious organization, although his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Politically he is in close sympathy with the republican party, believing from his observation and experience that its principles are best adapted for the prosperity and perpetuity of the republic. Although he has arrived at an age when most men prefer the quiet of a retired life, he is still actively connected with business affairs and is a prominent factor in the community. A worthy representative of a good American family, he has the characteristics of a true gentleman and public-spirited citizen. He is a man whose actions are in accord with his words and whose career has been a credit to himself and to all with whom he has associated.

CHARLES B. VAIL.

Charles B. Vail, president of the Vail Produce Commission Company, in which connection he is conducting a growing and prosperous business and at the same time is largely engaged in farming has an office at No. 205 West Point street and makes his home in Muscatine island. He was born in Orange county, New York, March 17, 1849, a son of Jonathan and Louisa (Chapman) Vail, who were also natives of the same county. In the Empire state the grandfather, Abram Vail, was born and reared. He came of English ancestry and made farming his life work. He married Miss Harriet Coleman and they spent their entire lives in New York, passing away there when more than sixty years of age. Their children were: Jonathan M., Margaret, Martha, Harriet, James, Nathan, Augusta, Cynthia and Abram. The maternal grandfather of Charles B. Vail was Dr. Hiram H. Chapman, who for many years was a practicing physician of Orange county, New York. He married a Miss Brush and their daughter, Louisa Chapman, was the only child of that marriage who lived

to maturity. After losing his first wife Dr. Chapman married a Miss Simington, and their children were: Lydia, Julia, Augusta and William.

Jonathan Vail, the father of Charles B. Vail, made farming his life work and was a resident of New York until 1854, after which he spent a year in Indiana. In 1855 he came to Muscatine and purchased a farm of two hundred and sixty acres in Bloomington township near Fruitland. His time and energies were thereafter given to the development and cultivation of that farm until 1887, when he passed away at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife survived him for about three years and died in 1890, at the age of seventy-three. They were earnest Christian people, loyal to the teachings of the Presbyterian church, in which they held membership. At one time Mr. Vail was a member of the State Militia of New York. Both he and his wife were held in high regard because their lives were ever honorable and upright. In their family were the following children: William C., who laid down his life on the altar of his country while serving as a soldier of the Civil war; Edna, now deceased; Charles B., of this review; James A., who is living in Fullerton, California; and J. Henry, of Muscatine.

Charles B. Vail was a little lad of six years when his parents removed with the family to Iowa and he was reared on the home farm on Muscatine island. His education was acquired in the public schools and he afterward engaged in teaching for two terms but decided to make his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. He has since continued to engage in farming although he has since extended his efforts into other fields of labor. He owns in Muscatine county about twelve hundred acres, so that he is one of the extensive landholders in this part of the state. He also has lands in Canada, Kansas and elsewhere. For the past few years he has handled considerable stock and has also engaged in truck farming on an extensive scale. For a quarter of a century he has been a representative of the produce commission business and these various lines are all capably managed by him and are profitable sources of income. He is a man of keen discernment, systematic and methodical in all that he does and his close application to his business has made him one of the prosperous residents of the county. He has taken a very prominent part in demonstrating what can be done in raising produce and vegetables on the island, encouraging its development, and his labors have been substantially rewarded.

On the 14th of September, 1880, Mr. Vail was united in marriage to Miss Ella A. Garnes, a daughter of John W. and Sarah (Shammo) Garnes. The only child of that marriage died in infancy and Mrs. Vail passed away August 16, 1908, at the age of fifty-nine years. Her death was deeply regretted by all who knew her and especially in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which she was a faithful and devoted member. Her parents were early settlers of Muscatine county.

Mr. Vail is a member of the Presbyterian church. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party but he is not active in politics, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. He is a man of resolute purpose, carrying forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes and his industry is evenly balanced by his commercial integrity. He has done much for the county in proving its productiveness, especially on the island. His suc-

cess should serve to inspire and encourage others, for he started out comparatively empty-handed. He has lived in Muscatine county for more than a half century and is numbered among its best known and most highly esteemed early settlers.

GILBERT A. ARNOLD.

Gilbert A. Arnold, of Muscatine county, whose name is a synonym for industry, perseverance and the successful accomplishment of worthy objects, is a native of Fleming county, Kentucky, but has been for many years a resident of this county. He was born February 19, 1848, a son of Henry and Frances (Muse) Arnold. The parents were both born in Kentucky and were descendants of old Virginia families. The father died in 1909, having passed his entire life in his native state. The mother was called away in 1896. There were three children in the family besides the subject of this review, namely: Emeline L., now the wife of W. F. See of Des Moines, Iowa; Martha J., now Mrs. Levi Houston, of Beechburg, Kentucky; and Rolly T., also of Kentucky.

Gilbert A. Arnold was reared in his native state and there possessed such opportunities of education as the public schools afforded. He learned the wagon-making trade and worked under his father until thirty years of age, when he began farming upon his own account in Jones county, Iowa, where he rented land for three years. Industrious, enterprising and willing to practice self-denial when necessary in order to accumulate sufficient capital to start independently, he acquired the money necessary to purchase a part of the land in Muscatine county which he now owns. After coming to this county he applied himself even more vigorously to the vocation for which by nature he is eminently fitted, and he is now the owner of two hundred and eighty acres which he has made highly productive and is enjoying the fruits of his wisely directed labor.

On the 1st of February, 1866, Mr. Arnold was united in marriage in Kentucky to Miss Jennella Luman, a daughter of Jonathan and Mary (Elson) Luman, both of whom were natives of Kentucky. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Luman, five of whom are now living, namely: Jennella, now Mrs. Arnold; Daniel, of Winchester, Kentucky; John, of West Liberty, Iowa; Edward D., of Los Angeles, California; and U. S. Grant, of Joplin, Missouri. Seven children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: John Henry, who is married and lives on a farm in Muscatine county; William T., who is also married and lives near Atalissa; Emma K., the wife of Alpha Rabe, of Muscatine county; Bert, who died at the age of seventeen years; Harriet, a graduate of the high school, who is now a successful teacher of music and is living at home; and Gilbert Otis, a student in the high school.

Mr. Arnold gives an earnest support to the republican party and has served as township trustee and road supervisor, and also for twenty years past as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 122, A. F. & A. M., of Ionia, and has filled several of the chairs in that organization.





GILBERT A. ARNOLD



MRS. GILBERT A. ARNOLD

His family are faithful members of the Christian church. He is an active, public-spirited man and has been a highly useful citizen, ever seeking to advance the permanent welfare of his fellowmen. The keynote of his character is fidelity to responsibility, and in endeavoring to accomplish this purpose he has added largely to his own happiness and the happiness of all with whom he has been identified.

RAYMOND EUGENE JOHNSON.

Muscatine county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, for they have usually been distinguished by a spirit of devotion to the public good and have displayed capability in the discharge of their various duties. A worthy representative of the office holders at the present time is Raymond Eugene Johnson, who by appointment was made the custodian of the public funds, filling the position of county treasurer at the present time. He was born at Wilton, Iowa, March 26, 1886, and is therefore yet a young man, but he belongs to one of the well known and most highly respected families of the county and besides has given proof of his ability and his trustworthiness. His grandparents, Paul W. and Sarah (Wiggins) Johnson, had located in Muscatine county in 1852. The former was a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. In early manhood he had followed school teaching but later gave his attention to farming, becoming one of the leading and progressive agriculturists of this part of the state. Unto him and his wife were born seven children: Harriet J., the deceased wife of E. C. Rigby; John C., deceased; Anna, the wife of the Rev. Thomas Simmons, of Faulkton, South Dakota; William G., who is living in Wilton, Iowa; Martha B., the wife of Thomas Glass, of Lewiston, Idaho; Silas L., of Muscatine; and Minnie M., the wife of Frank Pangborn, of Faulkton, South Dakota.

Silas L. Johnson, the father of Raymond E. Johnson, was born in Iowa and was reared upon a farm in Cedar county. He took up farming and stock-raising as his life work and followed that pursuit for many years with substantial success. In 1894 he removed to Muscatine, having been elected to the office of county treasurer, which position he filled for six years. He then became cashier of the German American Savings Bank, which position he still fills, and his name is an honored one in the financial circles of the county. His business ability is widely recognized and he is numbered with those whose progressive citizenship constituted an important factor in the gradual development and progress of the community. He married Miss Evanella Bell, also a native of Iowa and a daughter of Thomas and Mary Jane (Burch) Bell. Her father was a native of Ohio and became one of the early settlers of this state where he followed the occupation of farming. He died when past eighty years of age and is still survived by his widow. Their living children are James S., Nannie, Luella, Bertha, Thomas, Carrie and Evanella. The last named became the wife of Silas L. Johnson and unto their marriage were born two sons and three daughters, Raymond Eugene, Mildred, Margaret, Bessie and Walter.

The parents hold membership in the Methodist church and are among the most highly esteemed residents of Muscatine, the hospitality of the best homes here being cordially extended them.

Raymond Eugene Johnson was reared in Wilton, Iowa, to the age of eight years, when his parents removed to Muscatine and here he pursued his education in the public schools and also in the Muscatine Business College, from which he was graduated. He entered business life as an employe in the cost department of the Roach & Musser Sash & Door Company, with which he remained for about two years. He then became city collector for the Muscatine Journal and in January, 1908, was appointed to the position of deputy county treasurer under C. R. Stafford. In 1909 he was appointed deputy treasurer by A. C. Shiflet, who resigned and Mr. Johnson was then appointed to the office that was made vacant and which he is still filling, although only twenty-four years of age. His previous experience as deputy well qualified him for the duties that devolve upon him and which he is most capably discharging.

On the 22d of May, 1907, Mr. Johnson was united in marriage to Miss Edna Ryan, a daughter of Charles H. and Nettie (Lockwood) Ryan. They have one son, Charles S., who is with his parents in a pleasant home at No. 306 East Eighth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Methodist church and his political belief is indicated in the support which he gives to the republican party at the polls. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and is a prominent Mason, holding membership with Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; and Kaaba Temple N. M. S., of Davenport. He is regarded as an exemplary representative of the craft, being most loyal to the teachings of the fraternity, and moreover is a citizen of worth, popular in social circles, faithful in office and at all times loyal in citizenship. His entire life has been passed in this county and his history is as an open book which all may read.

SILAS L. JOHNSON.

Silas L. Johnson, cashier of the German-American Savings Bank of Muscatine, has made for himself a creditable position in financial circles, and his energy, systematic methods and careful management in the work entrusted to him have constituted an important element in the growth of the bank's business. A native of Iowa, he was born at Tipton, Cedar county, on the 22d of January, 1863, and is a son of Paul W. and Sarah (Wiggins) Johnson, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father was a son of William Griffith Johnson, and he, too, was born in Ohio. He married Miss Drake, and on leaving the Buckeye state, removed to Iowa, settling in Cedar county, where he died at the ripe old age of seventy-three years. Throughout the greater part of his life he followed school-teaching, and his labors were an element in the educational development of this state. His family included Paul W., Silas D., Timothy, Eliza, Miranda and Matilda. The maternal grandfather of Silas John-

son was William Wiggins, a native of Maryland and of Quaker lineage. He made farming his life occupation and became a pioneer resident of Cedar county, Iowa, contributing in substantial measure to the early development and progress of that part of the state. He died there when eighty-eight years of age. His family numbered fifteen children, eight of whom reached years of maturity, Bazil, Mrs. Hester Glass, Mrs. Elizabeth Bagley, Mrs. Minerva McFarland and four others who have long passed away.

Paul W. Johnson became a school teacher in early manhood but afterward turned his attention to the occupation of farming. He dated his residence in Muscatine county from the fall of 1852, and through that winter was employed as a teacher in the school north of the city. He afterward removed to Cedar county, settling on a farm near Tipton, where his remaining days were passed, with the exception of two months spent in Wilton, where he died in 1884 at the age of sixty-three years. His wife survived him until 1888, and passed away at the age of sixty-six years. Both were members of the Methodist church, and their well spent lives gained for them the high regard of a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Mr. Johnson served as township assessor of Center township, Cedar county, for seven consecutive terms, and also held various school offices the cause of education finding in him a warm friend. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, three sons and four daughters, namely: Harriet J., the deceased wife of E. C. Rigby; John C., who has passed away; Anna, the wife of Rev. Thomas Simmons, of Faulkton, South Dakota; William G., living in Wilton; Martha B., the wife of Thomas Glass of Lewiston, Idaho; Silas L., of this city; and Minnie M., the wife of Frank Pangborn, of Faulkton, South Dakota.

Silas L. Johnson was reared upon the home farm in Cedar county, Iowa, and began his education in the district schools, while later he attended the Tipton high school and the Wilton academy. Liberal education thus qualified him for life's practical and responsible duties. He afterward turned his attention to the stock and grain business in which he continued in Wilton for ten years. He was then called to public office, being elected county treasurer, which caused his removal to Muscatine in 1894. His fidelity, capability and trustworthiness in office are indicated in the fact that he served for three terms as county treasurer, being chosen to the position by the vote of his fellow citizens. He then became one of the organizers of the German-American Savings Bank and has continuously been its cashier. His business enterprise and unfaltering determination are elements in the success of the institution that has come to be regarded as one of the most safe and substantial financial concerns of the county.

In September, 1885, occurred the marriage of Mr. Johnson and Miss Evanella Bell, a native of Scott county, Iowa, and a daughter of Thomas and Mary J. (Burch) Bell. Her father was born in Ohio, and the mother, a native of Canada, removed to New York when a small child. They became early settlers of Scott county, Iowa, and later removed to Cedar county, while subsequently they became residents of Wilton, Muscatine county, and lastly went to Storm Lake, Iowa, where the father died when about eighty years of age. The mother is still living. In their family were seven children: James S., Mrs. Nancy J.

McClintock, Mrs. Carrie Anspach, Mrs. Luella Russell, Mrs. Bertha Venard, Thomas H., and Evanella, the wife of Silas L. Johnson. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have been born five children: Raymond E., Bessie L., Walter G., Mildred L., and Margaret. The eldest son is now filling the position of county treasurer and is mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and their upright lives have gained for them the warm friendship of many with whom they have come in contact. Mr. Johnson belongs to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., of which he is secretary. He is also secretary of Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M. He likewise belongs to Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M., Zarephath Consistory of Davenport and Kaaba Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise holds membership with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He resides at No. 312 Walnut street, where he has made his home for ten years. Honored and respected by all, no man in Muscatine enjoys a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles than Silas L. Johnson, not alone by reason of the success he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy he has ever followed.

MAURICE O. NEIDIG.

Maurice O. Neidig, now living retired at the age of seventy-seven years, is recognized as one of the enterprising and public-spirited citizens of Muscatine, who has performed his part in the upbuilding of the community. In the evening of a well spent life he is now enjoying a well earned rest. He was born in Frederick county, Maryland, March 12, 1833, and is a son of Benjamin and Catharine (Snively) Neidig, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a miller by trade and came to Iowa in 1849. In Muscatine he engaged in the butcher and ice business, departing this life in 1889, at the age of eighty-seven years. The mother was called away in Maryland in 1848. The paternal grandfather of our subject was an early settler of Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. He was a farmer and a United Brethren preacher and reared a large family, the names of his sons being John, Jacob, Isaac, Abraham, Daniel and Benjamin. The maternal grandfather of our subject was a native of Pennsylvania and became quite prominent as a speculator, coal operator and general business man. There were four children in the family of Benjamin and Catharine (Snively) Neidig: John A., who died after arriving at manhood; Maurice O.; Benjamin F., deceased in 1907; and Ruanna M., who is making her home with her brother, the subject of this review.

At sixteen years of age Maurice O. Neidig came with his father to Muscatine, arriving at a time when there was little evidence that the spot would later be occupied by a beautiful city, adorned with all modern improvements. The year of his arrival was signalized by the great rush to the California gold fields, but our subject was not swept away by this excitement. In his boyhood he was educated in the old-fashioned subscription schools and he began his business

career in the butcher shop and ice business of his father, later becoming his partner. After a few years they sold out the ice business to Charles F. Cadle but continued in the pork-packing business. For ten years Mr. Neidig acted as superintendent in the packing department of the Western Cereal Company, filling that responsible position in such a way as to meet the hearty approval of the officers and directors of that organization. For seven years he occupied the position of sexton of Greenwood cemetery, but since relinquishing that office he has lived retired, having acquired a competence through many years of active application.

On the 2d of June, 1858, Mr. Neidig was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth H. Ryerson, a daughter of Richard and Sarah (Coss) Ryerson. She was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, and came west with her parents about 1854, the family locating near Wilton, Iowa, where Mr. Ryerson engaged in farming. He departed this life in Nebraska. There were six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson: Elizabeth, William, David, Peter, Mary and Maurice. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Neidig. Frank A. married Ella Rector and is now in the book and stationery business at Muscatine. They have two children, Wilma and Maurice. Dessie departed this life at the age of thirty-one years. Alice married John Eckers and is now deceased. She was the mother of two children, Karl and Alice. Ralph died at the age of twenty-five years, in 1898. He was a highly promising young man and served his country as a soldier in the Spanish-American war. The mother of these children passed away in 1908, at the age of seventy-four years. She was a woman of many estimable traits of character and her death was the greatest sorrow that Mr. Neidig has ever known.

The subject of this review is a valued member of the Presbyterian church, as was also his wife. Politically he is identified with the republican party. He started his business career with no capital but a good constitution and a resolute determination to win. He is, therefore, a self-made man—one who has accomplished a worthy object in life by industry and self-confidence. In his earlier years he practiced rigid economy but as time passed and fortune favored he was able to give liberally to worthy objects and thus be of practical assistance to any who needed aid. He is now living at 409 Walnut street, in the house which his father built in 1862 and which has ever since been the family home. Mr. Neidig has many friends in Muscatine and vicinity who esteem him for his excellent qualities.

Theron Thompson.

Among the wide-awake and progressive business men of Muscatine, Theron Thompson occupies an honored place. He was born in York, Jefferson county, Ohio, September 22, 1853, and is a son of Robert T. and Emily A. (Lewis) Thompson, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was a clerk in a mercantile establishment in Wheeling, West Virginia, and came west to Muscatine county in 1858, engaging in the grain business at Atalissa, and later taking up his residence in Muscatine. He became quite popular in the county

and served two terms as deputy county treasurer and the same length of time as county treasurer. He was afterward deputy postmaster of Muscatine under Colonel Beach and upon retiring from this position assisted in organizing the Muscatine Savings Bank, of which he was cashier until failing health compelled him to retire. He established a hardware business in 1875 under the title of R. T. Thompson Son & Company. In 1878 he withdrew and the firm became Thompson Brothers, with Theron and William L. Thompson as the proprietors. The latter departed this life in 1906 and the firm was incorporated in 1907 as Thompson Brothers Company with Theron Thompson at its head. William L. Thompson was an energetic, enterprising and public-spirited business man and will long be remembered for his activity in behalf of the interests and permanent welfare of Muscatine. On the 1st day of February, 1890, Robert T. Thompson died at the age of sixty years. He was identified with the Masonic order and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and politically was a supporter of the republican party. His wife survived him fourteen years, being called away at seventy years of age, in 1904.

Robert Thompson, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was of Scotch descent and was born in Pennsylvania. He became an early settler of Ohio, keeping a hotel at Cadiz for a number of years. He died at the home of his only daughter in Muscatine county in 1875, having arrived at the age of seventy-nine years. His wife, who was Barbara Ebbert before her marriage, was called away when comparatively a young woman. There were six children in the family, Theron, William, Robert, John, Salina and Catharine. The maternal grandfather was Ira Lewis, a native of Ohio, who learned the tanning business and also followed the occupation of farming. His wife was Sarah Wilson and they lived in Harrison county, Ohio, where he died. He had one child, Emily A., the mother of our subject. Mrs. Lewis was again married, her second union being with Morgan Lewis, the brother of her first husband. Two children were born to them: Catharine, of Muscatine, Iowa, who married Hugh K. Mitchell, of New Philadelphia, Ohio, now deceased; and John W., who died at the age of twenty-one years in Ohio. Unto Robert T. and Emily A. Thompson eight children were born, four of whom grew to maturity, Theron, Barbara Ella, Robert L. and William L.

Theron Thompson, whose name introduces this review, was five years of age when he came to Iowa with his parents and seven years later took up his residence in Muscatine, where he has since lived. He received his preliminary education in the public and high schools and after leaving the latter devoted his attention for three and one-half years to the tinner's trade. Feeling the importance of larger educational advantages, he entered the State University at Iowa City. Upon his return to Muscatine he entered the hardware business, in which he has ever since continued, the company with which he is identified being known as as one of the leading concerns of the kind in this part of the state. He is also president of the Detthof Hardware Company of Muscatine, a director of the Hershey State Bank and a director of the Puritan Ice Company.

On the 9th of March, 1882, Mr. Thompson was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Moorehouse, a daughter of Captain Le Grand and Julia Moorehouse.

She was born in St. Louis, Missouri, her parents being natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Muscatine many years ago and lived in this city and vicinity but spent the latter years of their lives with a daughter at Springfield, Missouri. They were the parents of four children: Laura, the wife of John Stephens; Nellie, now Mrs. Thompson; Carrie, the wife of Robert L. Thompson; and Edwin L. Three children have brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson; Maynard L., a graduate of the architectural department of the Armour Institute at Chicago and since associated with his father in the hardware business; Leila E., and Gail M.

Mr. Thompson is not a member of any religious denomination but attends the Episcopal church, with which his wife is affiliated. He has never given much time to politics, as his attention has mainly been devoted to his private business, but he is in sympathy with the republican party and heartily supports its candidates. He is a firm and consistent advocate of honesty and square dealing in public as well as in private affairs. He has the happy faculty of making and retaining friends, and no man in Muscatine is more highly respected than the gentleman whose life record is here presented.

SAMUEL SHAMMO.

Samuel Shammo, for many years actively connected with the business interests of Muscatine and who departed this life in June, 1896, was born at Halifax, Pennsylvania, in 1828, a son of John Shammo, who was also a native of the Keystone state and was of German descent. There were fourteen children in the family, of whom the following grew to maturity, William, Aaron, Henry, John, Isaac, Sarah, Rebecca and Samuel. All are now deceased, the last one departing this life in the summer of 1910.

Samuel Shammo grew up at Halifax and received his education in the common schools. After laying aside his books he learned three trades: the tinner's saddler's and tanner's, and upon coming to Muscatine he entered the saddlery shop of Alexander Jackson. Later he was associated with Thomas Cumming in the wholesale grocery business, in which he continued with marked success for twenty-five years, gaining a reputation as one of the ablest business men in this part of the country. During the last ten years of his life he lived retired.

On the 6th of November, 1868, Mr. Shammo was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Myers, a daughter of David and Nancy (Beihel) Myers. Her parents were both born in Pennsylvania and came to Muscatine in 1853 when she was thirteen years of age. Her father, who was a wagon and carriage maker, moved to Rock Island, Illinois, and there was called away at the age of seventy-six years, his wife departing this life at the age of sixty-eight years. They were the parents of seven children, two of whom died in infancy. The other members of the family were: Mary E., Rebecca, Anna, William and Ida. Mary E. was born in Newry, Blair county, Pennsylvania, November 26, 1840. She was educated in the common schools and grew up under the kindly influences of a peaceful home, becoming a woman of unusually attractive character. The pa-

ternal grandfather of Mrs. Shammo died in Pennsylvania and the maternal grandfather, George Riehl, was a farmer of that state and a large landowner. He was born in Germany and came to this country with his parents, his father participating as a soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shammo two children were born. Carrie May married Roy C. Brown and they are now living on a fruit ranch near Granger, Washington. They have two sons, Roger and Richard. Eva B. married Clymer Coldren, of Phoenix, Arizona, and they have one son, Samuel, named in honor of his grandfather. Mrs. Shammo since the death of her husband fourteen years ago has made her home at the family residence, No. 1315 Smalley avenue, Muscatine, and she has many friends in the city where she has spent the principal years of her life.

Mr. Shammo was a consistant member of the Methodist church, as is his widow, and ever gave a willing ear to calls for assistance from those less favored than himself. Fraternally he was identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and had many warm friends among the brethren of that beneficent order. By his sagacity and good judgment he accumulated a fortune and no one ever envied him his prosperity, as he was honest and straightforward in his dealings, gaining the enduring esteem of his associates and friends. No record of Muscatine county would be complete without adequate mention of the honored subject of this review.

J. HENRY HAHN.

Among the enterprising citizens of Muscatine county is J. Henry Hahn, the owner of a farm in Moscow township, which he has greatly improved, making it one of the most valuable properties of the size in the region. Born in this county, January 5, 1864, he is the son of Paulis and Anna (Hucke) Hahn, both natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1832, being one of the early settlers of Muscatine county, where he entered government land and was actively identified for many years with farming interests. He passed away in 1902, at the age of seventy-eight years, and his wife departed this life in 1906, at the age of seventy-six years. There were five children in their family, namely: Anna, the wife of Charles Winkler, of Moscow, Muscatine county; John, of Muscatine township; Katharine, the wife of Adam Frenzel, of Waterloo, Iowa; Henry, our subject; and Paulis, Jr., of Moscow township.

J. Henry Hahn grew up under the paternal roof, remaining at home and assisting his father until after reaching the estate of manhood. He received his preliminary education in the district schools and the interest which he there evinced in his studies gave evidence of his power of application to business lines later in life. At the age of twenty-three he bought the farm where he now lives, which comprises two hundred acres, the comfortable family residence being an indication of the good taste of its owner and the ample barns and other out-buildings presenting evidence of the thoughtful attention which he bestows upon his calling. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and cattle. In



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addition to his farming interests he is a stockholder in the Farmers National Bank at Wilton Junction.

On January 5, 1887, Mr. Hahn was united in marriage to Miss Frances B. Rost, who was born in Clinton county, Iowa, in 1862, and is a daughter of M. and Katherine (Bollinger) Rost. Her parents were born in Switzerland and after coming to America, for three years made their home in Clinton county, Iowa, and two years in Whiteside county, Illinois, and then located in Muscatine county, Iowa. The mother has passed away but the father is still living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hahn five children were born, one of whom died in infancy, the other members of the family being: Ida, the wife of John Van Gent; and Fanny, Louis and Freda, all of whom are at home.

Mr. Hahn gives his allegiance to the republican party and has served as township clerk and also for five years as a member of the school board. He is a stanch friend of education and, having observed its advantages, he has insisted on the employment of the best teachers, thus performing a pleasing duty in behalf of the boys and girls of the neighborhood. He and his family are connected with the Evangelical church and by their example have assisted materially in advancing the permanent interests of the entire region.

PETER MILLER MUSSER.

Peter Miller Musser was born in Whitehall, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, April 3, 1841. His parents were John and Casiah (Miller) Musser, whose family numbered three children, Kate, Peter and Lizzie. The parents were natives of Adamstown, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and of original Pennsylvania Dutch stock, and the whole community in which they lived used the language of that people in all of the ordinary transactions with each other. The father was a merchant throughout his business life, first at Whitehall and afterward in Adamstown, to which place he removed in 1848, there opening a general store, which he conducted until he retired from business in 1875.

Peter M. Musser had only a common-school education and when out of school and during vacations he was in the store, assisting his father, who handled all kinds of merchandise and bought and sold all kinds of produce, so that the training proved a splendid school of business for the son. The father was a very methodical man and it was while with him that P. M. Musser learned many things which were a great help to him all of his business life. One of the points the father insisted on was that everything should have its regular place so that if he wanted something even in the dark he could put his hand upon it. The training of the son was therefore one that qualified him for systematic management, methodical work and thoroughness in all that he did. He continued with his father until twenty-two years of age, then left his home and came to Muscatine, Iowa, in March, 1863. Here he worked with his uncles, Richard and Peter Musser, in their lumber business and after spending about a year in Muscatine removed to Iowa City in 1864. His uncle, Peter Musser, who had charge of the yard there decided to sell out on account of poor health

and P. M. Musser at that time bought an interest in the yard and was in charge of the business there as long as he lived in Iowa City. The sales of this yard amounted to from sixty-five thousand to one hundred and forty-three thousand dollars per annum and the business was very successful. There were few railroad lines in Iowa at that day and trade extended in all directions from twenty-five to fifty miles or more.

On the 19th of December, 1865, Mr. Musser was united in marriage to Miss Julia Elizabeth Hutchinson, a daughter of Robert and Julia M. Hutchinson, of Iowa City. Four children were born unto them, Cliff, Laura, Helen and John, but the second named died in infancy. The last two, both bright and beautiful children, were stricken with diphtheria at the same time in the winter of 1888 and died, the one a day after the other, Helen being thirteen and John six years of age. The loss of these children left a blank in the homes and lives of the parents which time has not been able to fill.

In 1869 Mr. Musser became interested as a solid partner with John W. Porter in the lumber business at Iowa City and in 1873 they purchased the yard of R. Musser & Company of Iowa City and assumed the firm name of Musser & Porter, which was continued until the death of Mr. Porter in 1883. In 1871 the firm of R. Musser & Company built their sawmill on the bank of the Mississippi river in South Muscatine, Iowa, and from the establishment of the enterprise P. M. Musser was one of the stockholders. About 1873 he left the business in Iowa City largely in charge of Mr. Porter, spending most of the week at the mill in Muscatine and his Sundays at home. In 1875 he removed to Muscatine, residing at first on East Front street and in 1886 removed to West Second street, where he now resides in a lovely home on the bluff overlooking a beautiful view of the Muscatine river and the surrounding country.

In the management of the business at Muscatine his uncles, Richard and Peter Musser, took care of the manufacturing department, while P. M. Musser had general charge of the office and the sale of the products of the sawmill. The business of the Mussers in Muscatine was established in 1855 under the firm name of Hoch, Musser & Company, but Mr. Hoch withdrew in 1858 and the firm name was changed to R. Musser & Company and again in 1873 to P. M. Musser & Company on account of the withdrawal of Richard Musser. Then again in 1876 Richard Musser once more took an interest in the business and the firm name of Musser & Company was adopted. The Musser Lumber Company was organized in 1881, taking over all of the assets of Musser & Company. The officers of the new company were: Peter Musser, president; Richard Musser, vice president; P. M. Musser, secretary and treasurer; and C. R. Fox, yard superintendent, while John Musser of Adamstown, Pennsylvania, was the only other stockholder. Each of these parties held his office as long as he lived. Richard and John Musser both died in 1896, Charles R. Fox in 1904, and Peter Musser in 1910, so that at the present time P. M. Musser is the only surviving member of the original company. The supply of logs for the sawmill having been exhausted, the mill was shut down in 1905, dismantled and the business has been practically closed up except that the company still owns the real estate, consisting of the grounds and office. Mr. Musser is also president of the Muscatine State Bank, formerly the Cook, Musser & Company State Bank.

which was established under the name of Silverman, Cook & Company, on the 1st of February, 1870. The Musser State Bank is now occupying its beautiful new building on the corner of Iowa avenue and Second street, where business has been carried on from the beginning.

By nature Mr. Musser is very generous and he is known as one of the most liberal of the citizens of Muscatine, giving largely to all of the religious and benevolent work which appeals to him as worthy and also contributing freely to any individual movement. He was a liberal contributor to the Old Ladies Home and built the fine and commodious public library of the city. He also built a beautiful chapel as a memorial to his father and mother at the old home in Adamstown, Pennsylvania. One of his strongly marked characteristics is that he cannot bear to see anything go to waste. He can lose a large sum of money in some investment and preserve his usual equanimity but if he sees a board broken without good cause or a shingle or lath thrown out in the wood-pile, which should have been utilized, his patience is sorely tried. He loves a good horse and also thoroughly enjoys his automobile, making many trips to the surrounding towns and cities. He enjoys travel and in the fall and winter of 1909-10, accompanied by his wife, made a delightful trip around the world on the steamer Cleveland. For several years they have been spending the winter seasons at Coronado Beach, California. Mr. Musser is a Knights Templar and Scottish Rite Mason and also an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is now in the prime of life and, while he has never been a strong man physically, still he comes from a long lived ancestry and it is to be hoped that many years will yet be accorded him in which to enjoy his well earned fortune.

CHARLES AUGUSTUS FISCH.

Charles Augustus Fisch, a prosperous and well known resident of Muscatine who makes his home at No. 106 East Second street, has lived practically retired for the past three years, merely looking after his farm lands and other property interests. During his active business career he was prominently identified with mercantile interests as a hardware dealer. He is numbered among the worthy native sons of Muscatine, his birth having here occurred on the 23d of August, 1857. His parents, Jacob and Martha (Huckey) Fisch, both of whom were natives of Germany, are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work.

Charles A. Fisch was reared in the city of his nativity and supplemented his early education, obtained in the grammar and high schools, by a course of study in Snavelly's College. After putting aside his text-books he began working in the hardware store of his father, who was engaged in business in Muscatine for many years and was long one of the best known residents of the city. In 1890 Charles, Henry and George Fisch purchased their father's business and conducted it for about five years, on the expiration of which period George Fisch retired and established an enterprise of his own. Charles and Henry remained together until 1907 and then closed out the business. During the past three years, therefore, Charles A. Fisch has lived retired save for the supervision which he gives to his

farm lands and other property interests. He owns considerable land in the Saskatchewan country in Canada and also has some property farther east—near Sault Sainte Marie.

On the 11th of June, 1904, Mr. Fisch was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte A. Parr, a native of Chippewa, Canada, and a daughter of Edmund and Esther Parr, both of whom were natives of England. Her father followed farming in early manhood and later became a contractor. He now makes his home at Sault Sainte Marie, Canada. Unto him and his wife, who passed away in 1907, were born twelve children. Five of the number are yet living, as follows: Charlotte A.; Joseph; Ida, the wife of William Edwards; Fred; and Ernest.

Politically Mr. Fisch is independent, supporting men and measures rather than party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Baptist church, to which his wife also belongs. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and DeMolay Commandery, No. 1, K. T. His entire life has been spent in Muscatine and he has long been numbered among the leading and representative citizens here.

JEREMIAH H. CARL.

Thirty-three years ago Jeremiah H. Carl, justice of the peace and city police judge of Muscatine, took up his residence in this city. He came to the state before the Civil war and has been one of its wide-awake and progressive citizens, lending his aid to every worthy cause and proving his ability to fill any position to which he may aspire. He was a valiant soldier in the war and has capably discharged every responsibility he has undertaken.

He was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1840, and is a son of Christian and Sarah (Kell) Carl, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was a stone mason, bricklayer and contractor in the Keystone state and served also as captain in the state militia and held various township offices. He came to Iowa on the 10th of April, 1858, and for ten years engaged in farming in Washington county, removing to Cedar county in 1868, where he purchased a farm three miles northwest of Wilton. There he died in January, 1875, at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife departed in 1890 at the age of seventy-six years. They were active workers in the Reformed church and built a church in Pennsylvania, known as the Emanuel church. George Carl, the paternal grandfather, was also a native of Pennsylvania; was of German descent and was a modest, retiring man. He died at the age of seventy-two years and was the father of nine children, three daughters and six sons, George, Adam, Isaiah, Christian, John, Daniel, Fannie, Eliza and Polly. Isaiah and Christian were twins and all the members of the family lived to quite an advanced age. The maternal grandfather, Philip Kell, a native of Pennsylvania, was a farmer and married Elizabeth Swartz. Their children were Joseph, Simon and Sarah.

Unto Christian and Sarah Carl ten children were born: Matilda E., the widow of W. R. Dafford, of Los Angeles, California; Martha Jane, the widow

of John Brett, of Oakdale, Nebraska; Emeline E., who became the wife of John T. Long and is now deceased; Jeremiah H., our subject; Frances Catharine, who married George Sweet and is now deceased; Julia Ann, who married David Hili-gast and is also deceased; Daniel S., of Imperial, Kansas; Nevin P., of Vinton, Iowa; Floy Effie, who married John Herr, and is now deceased; and Sarah Ann, who died from the effects of being scalded.

Jeremiah H. Carl was educated at Buffalo Valley, Perry county, Pennsylvania, in the district schools. He came to Iowa with his parents when seventeen years of age, and on the 10th of August, 1861, enlisted in Company C, Eighth Iowa In-fantry, in the Union cause. He began as a private and later became corporal in his company, serving under Colonel James L. Geddes and participating in many of the great battles, sieges and movements of the war. He was present at the battles of Shiloh, Tennessee; Jackson, Mississippi; the siege of Vicksburg, the second battle of Jackson, the battles of Brandon, Mississippi; Forrest's raid on Memphis, Tennessee; and Spanish Fort, and took part in innumerable skirmishes, being made a prisoner at the battle of Shiloh. Notwithstanding the fact that he was many times exposed to the fire of the enemy he was never wounded. He conducted himself throughout his entire service in such a way as to receive the heartiest commendation of his superior officers.

After being honorably discharged on the 20th of April, 1866, Mr. Carl re-turned to Washington county, Iowa, and applied himself to the peaceful pursuit of farming. Subsequently he moved to Cedar county and in the fall of 1869 came to Muscatine county, locating in the city of Muscatine in 1877. He was identified with the restaurant and confectionery business for some years and then added a bakery, his place becoming one of the popular establishments of the kind in the city. After twenty-four years spent in business he was appointed city weigh-master for a term of two years and five or six years later was made justice of the peace, which office he now holds, being also elected police judge at the election of 1910.

On the 28th day of November, 1867, Mr. Carl was united in marriage to Miss Lydia E. Long, a daughter of Edmond and Maria (Lease) Long and a native of Washington county, Iowa. Her parents were natives of Virginia and early set-tlers of Washington county. There were nine children in their family, Nimrod L., John, Lydia, Henry, William, Thomas, Mary, Julia and Emma. Five chil-dren were born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl: Edith Evelyn, now the widow of John B. Rider and the mother of three children, Helen, William Leon and Fern; Huldah M., living in Freeport, Illinois, who married George E. Tubbs and is the mother of three children, Harold, Blanche and Dorothea; Clara Alice, of Chicago, who is the wife of Darius H. Webb and the mother of four children, Carl, Frances, Luella and Elnora; Ida M., the wife of Oscar L. Stutsman, now living in Cali-fornia; and Durward L., who married Lillian Fuller and is proprietor of a bakery at his father's old stand.

Squire Carl and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and liberal contributors toward its support. Politically he is identified with the repub-lican party and fraternally with Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M. He and his wife are members of the Eastern Star. He is also connected with Shelby Nor-man Post, No. 231, Grand Army of the Republic, of which he was a charter

member and is past commander. Coming to the west in his young manhood, he allied himself with its interests and demonstrated his patriotism by service in support of his country when the life of the republic was threatened. Always governed by principles of honor and fidelity to right, he years ago became recognized as one of the substantial and reliable citizens of Muscatine, and no man in the city is more highly honored than the gentleman whose record is here presented.

MICHAEL E. WILLHITE.

Michael E. Willhite, for the past three years assistant chief of police of Muscatine, has made a practical demonstration of the old saying "where there is a will there is a way," as he has reached his present responsible position through difficulties that would have defeated an individual of less resolute will. At nine years of age he began making his own way, thus early developing self-reliance, which has been a leading characteristic of his life.

He was born in Mercer county, Illinois, January 29, 1858, and is a son of John H. and Sarah J. (Paugh) Willhite, the former of whom was a native of Indiana and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father was for a number of years a river man on the Ohio river. Later he became a resident of Mercer county, Illinois, where he acquired an eighty acre farm. After some years he sold his place and removed to Rock Island but subsequently returned to Indiana, where he died about 1870 at the age of seventy-three or seventy-four years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812 and was a sturdy, reliable man of the pioneer type. His wife survived him and departed this life in Muscatine at the age of fifty-six years. She was an Episcopalian. The maternal grandfather was Michael Paugh, a native of Pennsylvania. He married Sarah Paugh and they became pioneers of Mercer county, Illinois, dying there when well advanced in life. There were four children in their family, Sarah, Mary, William and Ann, the youngest of whom married Richard Farwell. Four children also brightened the home of John H. and Sarah J. Willhite: Elizabeth, who married Charles Bryant and is now deceased; Michael E., our subject; Sarah, the wife of Edward Berricks, of Omaha, Nebraska; and President H., of South Muscatine, Iowa.

Michael E. Willhite was reared under the parental roof until he was nine years of age and then, on account of the poverty of the family, he began to carve out his own career, working at such jobs as he could find until he was fourteen years of age, when, conditions having improved, he returned home and moved with his parents to Muscatine. He had limited opportunity for securing an education in the district schools but he has always been a close observer and has largely made up for this deficiency. He began in Muscatine by carrying water at the Musser sawmill and cleaning up the mill, thus making himself generally useful, and as time passed he was promoted and became a sawyer, continuing in that capacity for eleven years with the Hershey Lumber Company and nine years with the South Muscatine Lumber Company. At the end of this time he went to Winona, Minnesota, but in the fall of the same year returned to Muscatine and worked at carpentering. Later he became a member of the police force and per-

formed his duties so acceptably that since 1907 he has served as assistant chief in the department. He lives at No. 1102 Baker avenue, where he owns a comfortable residence.

In 1888 Mr. Willhite was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe A. Wright, a daughter of Reynolds and Ruhamy (Brials) Wright, and four children have been born to them, Ethel, Sylvia, Irvin and Vera, the eldest, Ethel, being called away at the age of two years. Mr. Willhite is a valued member of the Improved Order of Red Men and also of the Modern Brotherhood of America. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party but is not an eager partisan, as he is a man who concentrates his attention on his daily duties and has little time for side issues. He is recognized as a conscientious and wide-awake official, whose aim it is to advance to the extent of his ability the best interests of the city.

J. THEODORE KUECHMANN.

J. Theodore Kuechmann, proprietor of a thoroughly equipped store at No. 314 East Second street and one of the valued citizens of Muscatine, was born in this city, April 4, 1863. He is a son of John and Margaret (Krehe) Kuechmann, the former of whom was born in Hesse-Darmstadt, Germany, and the latter in Bavaria. The father was reared and educated in his native land and at twenty-one years of age, being a young man of good habits, ambition and energy, he came to America and lived for several years in New York city. Believing that more favorable conditions existed in the west, he located at Bloomington, now Muscatine, Iowa, in 1843. Here he began as a teamster but later engaged in the flour and feed business and became the owner of a farm in Muscatine county, inside the city limits, where he lived from 1866. He departed this life in 1893 at the age of about seventy-seven years, having gained a reputation as one of the straightforward and energetic business men of his adopted city. His beloved wife survived him seventeen years and was called away in 1910, at the advanced age of about eighty years. They attended the German Congregational church and were the parents of three children: J. Theodore; John H., deceased; and Sophie, the wife of Charles Starker, of Portland, Oregon. The father was twice married and had several children by his first wife, only one of whom is now living—Mary Magdalena, the wife of Jacob Kautz. George Krehe, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Germany and emigrated to America, continuing here until his death, which occurred in Iowa. In his family were the following children: John, Theodore, Anna Margaret, Marie, Christina, Barbara, Louise and Sophie.

The subject of this review was reared in Muscatine and educated in the public and high schools, graduating from the latter in 1882. He was a conscientious student and applied himself to his books with a diligence that promised well as to his future career. After leaving school he became a clerk in a drug store and later went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he spent two years in one of the drug establishments of that city. Returning to Muscatine in February, 1887, he entered the drug store of an uncle, John Theodore Krehe, and in 1899, having acquired suffi-

cient capital, he purchased the store of which he has since been at the head. By careful attention to his business and a thorough knowledge of the wants of his customers, he has built up a large patronage, and his store is one of the popular concerns of the kind in the city where purchasers may be sure of receiving what they call for and that it will be the best of the kind that can be obtained in the market.

On the 14th of September, 1892, Mr. Kuechmann was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle May, a native of Greenbrier county, West Virginia. Five children have blessed the union, Lawrence T., James Harold, Albert Leland, John Theodore and Werner Wallace. Politically Mr. Kuechmann is in sympathy with the republican party, but he has never sought political honors, as his attention has been devoted to his business affairs. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church and liberal contributors not only to the church but to all worthy causes. He is an intelligent man of fine social qualities and has many friends and well wishers in Muscatine.

VALENTINE F. NICHOLSON.

Valentine F. Nicholson, who has reached the venerable age of ninety years, has been successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and is the owner of one hundred and thirty-five acres of valuable land in Fulton township. His birth occurred in Washington county, Indiana, on the 10th of January, 1821, his parents being Thomas and Margaret (Dow) Nicholson, who were born, reared and married in Virginia. The father was born on the 10th of January, 1789, while the mother's birth occurred in May, 1785. Thomas Nicholson was a slaveholder in the Old Dominion but released them after locating in Kentucky. From that state he removed to Indiana, where his remaining days were spent, his demise occurring in 1848. His wife was called to her final rest in August, 1844.

Valentine F. Nicholson remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own, settling on a farm in Fulton township, Muscatine county, Iowa, where he has resided continuously since. By his first purchase of land he came into possession of a tract of eighty acres, which he improved and eventually transformed into a productive farm. He also entered a tract of one hundred and sixty acres but later sold that property. As his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his place by additional purchase until it now embraces one hundred and thirty-five acres of valuable land on section 36, Fulton township, thirty-five acres thereof being in timber. His labors as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying measure of success and he has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 24th of March, 1844, Mr. Nicholson was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Shroyer, by whom he had three children, as follows: one who died in infancy; Thomas B., who died while serving as a soldier in the Civil war; and John T., who is a resident of Douglas, Arizona. The wife and mother



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passed away on the 28th of July, 1852, and about two years later Mr. Nicholson wedded Mrs. Rinerson, the widow of Isaac R. Rinerson. She bore the maiden name of Mary A. Daniels and was a native of Kentucky, while her parents were born in North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson have eleven children: Lusetta, Marian J., Charles W., Martha E., Mary E., William S., Alvin W., Isaac Lincoln, Nora, Anise, and one who died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Nicholson is an advocate and supporter of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. He has held the office of school trustee for many years and in fact has filled all of the positions in connection with the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. The period of his residence in Muscatine county covers two-thirds of a century and he is well and favorably known within its borders. He has passed the ninetieth milestone on life's journey and receives the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has been at all times upright and honorable.

JOHN J. HAVERCAMP.

John J. Havercamp, recognized as one of the leading druggists of Muscatine, was born in this city, September 5, 1863. He is a son of Martin and Bernardina Havercamp, both of whom were born in Hanover, Germany, although the mother's ancestors lived in Holland. Martin Havercamp came to America when a young man, locating in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he entered the employ of Tweed & Andrews, wholesale grocers. He removed to Muscatine, Iowa, in 1856, and here he engaged in the retail grocery business from the early '60s until 1878, when he passed away at the age of fifty-eight years. Mrs. Havercamp is still living. George B. Havercamp, the paternal grandfather, was a trader in Germany. He came to this country with his wife two years after their son Martin arrived, living for a time in Cincinnati. He removed to Muscatine about 1856 and continued here during the remainder of his life. Grandfather Stocker, on the maternal side, was a quarry owner of Hanover. Seven children were born to Martin and Bernardina Havercamp: Martin; Josephine, the wife of August A. Balluff, of Davenport; Harry; Bernardina; John J., George B.; and Joseph W.

John J. Havercamp was educated in the public and parochial schools of Muscatine and also attended Snively's College. In 1879 he began his business career as a clerk in the drug store of Dr. I. L. Graham. Here he gained a practical experience in the details of business, showing an ability that gave large promise for his future. In 1889 he established a drug store of his own, which he has since conducted. Energetic and wide-awake, he keeps fully abreast of the times, and his store is one of the most attractive of the kind that is to be seen anywhere. By his well directed efforts he has largely contributed to the business prosperity of the city and also to his individual success.

In 1902 Mr. Havercamp was united in marriage to Miss Bennie B. Sterling, a daughter of John and Harriet Sterling. Mrs. Havercamp is a native of Louisa

county, Iowa. Her father lived in Muscatine for several years, the mother having died before he came here. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Havercamp: Julian E.; Gladys Adella, who died in infancy; and Paul J.

Mr. Havercamp is identified with the democratic party and is a staunch upholder of its principles. As a public-spirited citizen he is ever ready to assist in forwarding the permanent interests of his native city. He has attained his present success by patient application and close attention to the wants of his customers and has gained a high reputation for his conscientious discharge of every duty as it has arisen in the course of an active and useful career.

JOHN W. ALBERS.

John W. Albers, now living retired at Muscatine in a beautiful residence at 713 Iowa avenue, was born in Prussia, Germany, March 22, 1834. He is a son of Lucas George and Maria (Menke) Albers, also natives of Germany. There were eleven children in their family, five of whom grew to maturity: Elizabeth, George, Henry, John W. and August. The father was a cabinet-maker and lived to be eighty-five years old, departing this life in 1863. The mother lived to the age of eighty-one years and died in Muscatine in 1876. They were honest and hard working and brought up their children to habits of industry and frugality, which are of such importance in the attainment of any worthy ambition in life, and it is to the lessons he learned from his honored parents that the success of our subject has been largely due.

John W. Albers was educated in the public schools of his native land and at sixteen years of age left home to seek his fortune in America. He early learned the wood-worker's trade and became an expert in fine and intricate work. He made his home in St. Louis from 1850 to 1854, then coming to Muscatine, Iowa, where he was connected with the Musser Lumber Company and later with the Stein Lumber Company. Being attracted to agricultural pursuits, he purchased a farm in Keokuk county, Iowa, to which he removed in 1877. Here he lived for twenty-nine years and became one of the prosperous farmers of the county. Having acquired a competence, he returned to Muscatine in 1906 and has since made this city his home.

On the 8th of March, 1859, Mr. Albers was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Dietz, who was born in Ripley county, Indiana, July 6, 1837, and is a daughter of John C. and Hannah (Millery) Dietz. The parents were both natives of Wurtemberg, Germany, and came to Muscatine in 1839, removing to Shelby county, Missouri, in 1843. The father was called away in 1866, at the age of seventy-five years, his wife surviving him twelve years and departing this life at seventy-three years of age. Mr. Dietz served in the German army for seven years. He was a son of John C. Dietz, a wagon-maker, who had three sons, all of whom were wagon-makers. Mr. and Mrs. Dietz were the parents of thirteen children, five of whom are now living: John; Hannah, now Mrs. Albers; Elizabeth, the wife of Alexander Lieber; Joseph; and Benjamin. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Albers has been brightened by the arrival of five children: William C.,

who married Minnie Setwell and is the father of two children, William A. and Milo; Elizabeth, who died at the age of eight months; Anna, now a practicing physician in Chicago; Henry, who married Marie M. Favereau and is the father of four children, William H., Louisa Hannah, Jeannette and Robert; and Fred, who married Anna Osterman and is the father of five children, Iven, Edward, Caroline, Leon and Mabel.

Mr. and Mrs. Albers are valued members of St. Mathias Catholic church. Politically Mr. Albers is in sympathy with the democratic party. He is a staunch friend of education and has served as school director and township trustee. Coming to America as a poor boy, he bravely set to work and overcame every difficulty, gaining a position of financial independence which would have been practically impossible of attainment under conditions in his native land. He has been fearless, self-reliant and competent in everything he has undertaken and with such a combination failure is impossible. He is a patriotic citizen of his adopted country and has trained his children in the same principles that have brought him success. He and his wife have many friends, who are attracted by their many excellent qualities.

JOHN NICOLA.

John Nicola, a retired farmer of Muscatine county, who has now passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score and ten years and is enjoying a well earned rest, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, May 15, 1840. At six years of age he was left an orphan and two years later he became a member of the family of Samuel Nichols, of Pike township, Muscatine county, Iowa. He received his education in the district schools and continued upon the farm of Mr. Nichols until September, 1862, when he responded to the call of President Lincoln and enlisted in Company B, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He served with his regiment until the close of the war, being present at all the principal battles in which it participated, except the battle of Selma, at which time he was confined in a hospital. He received his honorable discharge in May, 1865.

Returning to Muscatine county, Mr. Nicola resumed his former activities as a farmer boy, being still connected with the family under whose sheltering protection he had formerly lived. After his marriage he moved upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 2, Pike township, which he had acquired through his own exertions, and for twenty-two years remained upon that place, becoming one of the most prosperous farmers in the region. On account of educating his children, he then removed to Mount Pleasant, Iowa, for two years and then took up his residence in the village of Nichols, where he has since lived. By diligence and good management he has acquired two hundred and sixty acres in Muscatine county, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and which yield generous returns for the time and labor expended. In addition to his farming interests, he is connected with a number of business concerns. He was one of the organizers of the Nichols Savings Bank, of which he has since served as vice president. He is also president of the Nichols Hall

Association and the Nichols Telephone Company, and in all his business career has exhibited a sound judgment that reflects upon him the highest credit.

In 1869 Mr. Nicola was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Nichols, a native of Des Moines county, Iowa, and a daughter of Reuben Nichols. Her parents were both born in Ohio and came to Iowa early in the '40s, settling in Des Moines county, where the mother passed away. The father died in Muscatine county. Of the six children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nichols only one is living, Elizabeth, the widow of A. J. Brockman, of Pike township, Muscatine county. Four children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Nicola: Ruby, who pursued a course of six months in a preparatory school of teaching under Professor Levrich of Muscatine, and is now the wife of W. L. Black of this county; Jeannette, the first child born in the village of Nichols, who attended college two years, taking a course in music at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and is now the wife of Dr. E. B. Fulliam of Muscatine; Margaret, now at home, who also attended college two years and was graduated in music under Professor Rommell at Mount Pleasant; and George, who has pursued a business college course and is now living at home. Mr. Nicola was called upon to mourn the death of his beloved wife, who was summoned from earthly scenes May 30, 1906. She was a woman of many excellent traits of character and was highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Mr. Nicola is a man of wide experience and, having very early been thrown into contact with the world, even as a boy he learned the great lesson of self-reliance, thus gaining a power which was of incalculable benefit to him throughout his active career. Through a worthy ambition he attained a success that awaits those who are willing to labor patiently and perform each duty as it arises day by day. He is today one of the most respected citizens of the community where for many years he has made his home.

GAD JAMES.

Gad James, who is now living retired in a beautiful home at West Liberty, won a handsome competence through his carefully directed labors as an agriculturist. His birth occurred in Wales on the 24th of June, 1833, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Phillips) James. The mother passed away in Wales, and in 1852 the father crossed the Atlantic to the United States, making his home with his children until the time of his death, which occurred in Macon, Missouri, in 1876. Our subject was one of six children, the others being as follows: Stephen, William and David, all of whom are deceased; Mary, who is deceased, as is also her husband, William Roberts of Columbus Junction; and John, who has not been heard from since he joined the Mormons in Wales.

Gad James, who was a youth of nineteen when he came to the new world with his father in 1852, spent a part of his first year in America near Utica, New York. The year 1853 witnessed his arrival in West Liberty, Iowa, where he was employed as a laborer for a time. In 1854 he worked for Thomas Scott as a farm hand, and the following year operated a rented farm of one hundred and sixty acres in association with his brother Stephen, the property occupying

a part of the present site of West Liberty. In 1856 he began breaking prairie with six yoke of oxen, being thus busily engaged for about three years. On the expiration of that period he traded his cattle for a quarter section of land nine miles southwest of West Liberty and began the further development and improvement of that property. The venture proved disastrous, however, for the chinch bugs destroyed his wheat three seasons in succession. In 1864 he drove across the country with a mule team to Montana and there worked in the mines for two years. At the end of that time he returned to Iowa and purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres about six miles southwest of West Liberty, devoting his attention to its operation for forty-four years or until the time of his retirement. Since putting aside the active work of the fields, he has resided with his family at West Liberty, there owning a commodious and attractive home.

In November, 1866, Mr. James was united in marriage to Miss Harriet Kile, who was the only child of her parents, Jerry and Mary (Brownell) Kile. Following the death of his first wife, Jerry Kile wedded Elizabeth Lee, by whom he had nine children, namely: Madison, who is deceased; Mary, the wife of J. Miesky; George; Sarah, the wife of Adolph Kiser, of Minnesota; Lydia, who has passed away; Leota, the wife of Charles Burkhart of West Liberty; Caroline, who is the wife of Henry Rang and resides in Iowa; Lewis; and Elmer, who died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. James were born ten children, as follows: George Elmer; William Curtis; May Frances, the wife of Vincent Birkett, of West Liberty; Edwin; Bertha Elizabeth, who gave her hand in marriage to Benjamin Bigsby, of Cedar county; Jess K.; Clayton S.; Leota Harriet, at home; Harry Phillip, who is deceased; and Warren Ward.

Politically Mr. James has ever been a stanch republican, supporting the men and measures of that party by his ballot. He has held the offices of supervisor and trustee, discharging his duties in these connections with notable promptness and fidelity. He was reared a Congregationalist but attends the services of the Methodist church, while fraternally he is a Knights Templar Mason. Fifty-eight years have come and gone since Gad James first came to Muscatine county, and its history is therefore largely familiar to him. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to emigrate to America, but on the contrary has always regarded it as a most fortunate step in his life history. Here he found the opportunities he sought and by the improvement of the chances which came to him has gradually progressed in the business world until he is now enabled to spend his declining years amid all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

HANSON B. WATTERS.

Hanson B. Watters, one of the honored veterans of the Civil war, is deserving of prominent mention in this volume not only by reason of the loyal support which he gave to his country in her hour of need but also because of the creditable place to which he attained in agricultural and political circles. A native of Ohio, he was born in Belmont county on the 9th of December, 1840, a son of Dr. William W. and Teressa D. (Gregg) Watters, natives of Maryland and

Ohio respectively. Dr. William W. Watters came with his family to Muscatine county, Iowa, in April, 1851, and here purchased farm land in what is now known as Goshen township. He was a physician by profession and successfully practiced medicine in Ohio for a number of years before coming to this state but did not practice here except in a friendly way. He passed away in Muscatine county on the 20th of March, 1884, and his wife's demise occurred in June, 1886. Their family consisted of nine children, of whom seven are yet living: Mary E., a resident of Fort Dodge, Iowa; Hanson B., of this review; William G., of California; Louise, deceased; Henry G., of Muscatine county; Walter P., residing in Atalissa, Iowa; Emma I., the deceased wife of Dr. E. S. Lawrence, of Des Moines; Sarah, who makes her home in Fort Dodge, Iowa; and Clara, the widow of Theodore Noble, of Oakland, California.

Spending his early boyhood in his native state, Hanson B. Watters was a lad of ten years when he came with his parents to Muscatine county in 1851, and in the schools of Ohio and Iowa he was accorded excellent educational advantages. After completing the course of study offered in the public schools by graduation from the high school, he attended Western College at Western, Iowa. He had not yet attained his majority when civil war was inaugurated between the north and south, and was but twenty years of age when, prompted by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted in the Union army, becoming in August, 1861, a member of Company G, Second Iowa Cavalry, with which he served for a term of two and a half years. At the expiration of that period he reenlisted in the same company, being identified therewith until the close of the war, serving most of the time with the rank of sergeant. With his regiment he participated in the charge on Farmington and took part in a number of important and hotly contested engagements, while at Coffeeville, Mississippi, he was wounded in the left side. He responded readily and fearlessly to every call of duty, and his courage and valor never faltered in the face of danger. He received honorable discharge in Alabama on the 19th of September, 1865, and after the close of hostilities returned home with a most excellent military record.

Returning to the pursuits of civil life, Mr. Watters took up farming on the old homestead in Muscatine county, in the operation of which he continued until his marriage, in 1868, to Miss Ruth H. Parker, who was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, and is the only surviving member of a family of nine children born unto Lot and Susanna (Lundy) Parker, the latter a sister of Captain William Lundy. Her parents came to Iowa in 1867 and here their remaining days were spent. After his marriage Mr. Watters removed with his bride to a farm of forty acres in Goshen township, which he had previously purchased, and it remained the scene of his busy activities for more than a decade. That his efforts during that period were effective elements in the acquirement of success is indicated by the fact that as the years passed by he was able to add extensively to his original holdings, becoming eventually the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land. Indeed the modern methods which he employed, combined with the spirit of energy and perseverance which characterized all of his labors, made it possible for him at the end of but eleven years to withdraw from active life and enjoy in well earned retirement those pleasures which a substantial competence could afford. In 1899 he left the farm and took up his

abode in West Liberty, where he has since made his home. His present residence, erected by himself, is one of the finest and most attractive in the town and is the visible evidence of the success which crowned his efforts during his active connection with agricultural pursuits.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Watters have been born five sons, as follows: Allan P., postmaster of Dexter, New Mexico; William L., engaged in the drug business in West Liberty; George Stanley, who was drowned while attending the Iowa State College in 1899; Henry B., a civil engineer of Cleveland, Ohio; and Vernon G., who graduated from the Iowa State College and is also a civil engineer, making his home in Florida.

The parents hold membership in the Christian church and Mr. Watters belongs to Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M., of West Liberty, while as a member of Silas Jackson Post, No. 255, G. A. R., at West Liberty, he keeps in touch with his old army comrades. In politics he has been a stalwart republican since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has ever had the interests of the party at heart, doing all in his power to extend its influence in the communities in which he has resided although never a politician in the usually accepted sense of office seeking. His fellowmen, however, recognizing and demonstrating their appreciation of the disinterestedness of his service and his high personal worth and ability, chose him to represent his district in the state legislature, which honor was conferred upon him in 1893, and in 1895 he was reelected to the office, serving for two terms. It was during the session of 1896 and the special session of 1897, while he was a member, that the code was revised, and he was actively and helpfully interested in other important legislative measures during the period of his incumbency. As a private citizen he has ever remained a close student of the questions and issues of the day and although he has now passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten he yet takes a deep interest in current events of the day relating to community, state and national politics. His life has indeed been a useful and helpful one, actuated at all times by high purposes, and the enviable position which he has won for himself in the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens speaks in higher terms of a successful career than does the substantial material gain which crowned his life's labors.

WARREN W. JAMES.

Among the young men who have made a fair start as agriculturists in Muscatine county and give promise of increasing usefulness as the years pass in a business that calls for energy, judgment and the close attention of an intelligent mind is Warren W. James. He is now in his twenty-second year and, having been reared under the most favorable conditions for obtaining a thorough knowledge of farming, he was well prepared upon arriving at manhood to assume responsibilities generally undertaken by those much older than himself. He was born in Wapsinonoc township, June 30, 1889, and comes of a family well known in Muscatine county, being a son of Gad and Harriet (Kile) James, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Warren W. James possessed good opportunities of education, first attending the common schools and then becoming a student in the high school, where he pursued advanced studies adapted to develop clear reasoning and thinking. He has found time also to read the standard books and is well informed regarding the progress of America and the world. At the age of twenty he began farming upon his own account by renting a part of the old homestead for one year and he acquitted himself so creditably that he now owns one hundred and sixty acres, which he manages with good judgment so that it yields handsome returns. He engages in general farming, also in raising hogs and cattle, which he sends to the market in prime condition, and is recognized by experienced farmers of the neighborhood as a young man of unusual promise both in business and in the discharge of the duties of intelligent citizenship.

On the 31st of August, 1910, Mr. James was united in marriage to Miss Beulah May Ayers, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and a daughter of Spencer and Rose Ayers, now living on a farm in Goshen township. There were two children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ayers, the son being Roy, who is still at home.

Politically Mr. James is in thorough sympathy with the republican party, and he gives to its candidates his undivided support. He and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist church and are active workers in the promotion of kindly and generous social relations in the community with which their interests are closely identified. The friends of Mr. James prophecy for him a career which will reflect credit not only upon himself but upon all with whom he is associated.

JAMES A. NAY.

Among the substantial citizens of Muscatine county is James A. Nay, the owner of a valuable farm in Wapsinonoc township which he acquired by years of labor and with the able assistance of his estimable wife. They are now enjoying the fruits of their toil and each year witnesses a gratifying increase in their financial resources. Mr. Nay was born in Indiana, March 31, 1859, a son of William and Elizabeth (Baker) Nay, both of whom passed their entire lives in the Hoosier state. There were two children in their family: James A., of this review; and William, who still lives in Indiana.

James A. Nay acquired his early education in the public schools and continued at home until eighteen years of age, when he started out to make his way in the world upon his own account. He worked upon a farm in Cedar county, Iowa, until twenty-three years of age and then married and began renting land in the same county. After seven years of close application he purchased a farm on sections 3 and 4, Wapsinonoc township, Muscatine county, which he cultivated to such good advantage that he now owns one hundred and sixty-four and three-fourths acres of well improved and highly productive land. In addition to raising grain he makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and cattle, and being thoroughly acquainted with the work, he generally receives handsome returns for the time and money expended.





JAMES A. NAY



MRS. JAMES A. NAY



In 1882 Mr. Nay was united in marriage to Miss Lissa C. Cornwall, a native of Ohio and a daughter of V. R. and Elizabeth (Merritt) Cornwall, the former of whom was born in New York state and the latter in Pike county, Ohio. In 1856 the family removed to Cedar county, Iowa, where the father died in 1893. The mother is still living and makes her home with her daughter. She has arrived at the venerable age of eighty-four years. There were nine children in their family, four of whom are now living. One son, Everett S., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Nay, December 21, 1883. He received a high-school education and is now interested in the grocery business in West Liberty. He is married and is the father of one child, Evelyn B.

Mr. Nay ever since arriving at manhood has given his adherence to the republican party but has never sought political honors, preferring to devote his attention to his private affairs. Fraternally he is identified with the lodge of the Knights of Pythias at West Liberty. He and his wife are valued members of the Methodist Protestant church, in which she is an active worker, and he takes a great interest in the study of religious subjects, serving for eighteen years with general acceptance as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mrs. Nay was for ten years postmistress at Downey, serving in that position at the time President Garfield was assassinated. They have overcome many difficulties in life and having won their way to fortune, are well aware of the obstacles that must be surmounted by the ambitious individual who seeks to attain financial independence. They are held in great respect by the entire community.

WILLIAM D. RIDENOUR.

William D. Ridenour, a retired resident of West Liberty, was long and successfully identified with agricultural interests in this part of the state and is still the owner of two hundred and forty acres of valuable land in Cedar county. His birth occurred in Sugar Creek township, Cedar county, Iowa, on the 20th of September, 1853, his parents being David and Elizabeth (Swisher) Ridenour, who were natives of Maryland and Pennsylvania respectively. Coming to this state in 1849, they purchased a farm in Cedar county and continued to reside there throughout the remainder of their lives, the father passing away on the 6th of May, 1874, and the mother in the year 1883. Unto them were born six children, as follows: Emanuel, who is now a resident of Poweshiek county, Iowa; Nancy E., the wife of John Utsler, of Dawson county, Nebraska; John D., also living in Dawson county, Nebraska; J. N., of Custer county, Nebraska; J. E., who is deceased; and William D., of this review.

The last named was reared under the parental roof and educated in the common schools. At the time of his father's death he purchased the old homestead in Cedar county, continuing to reside thereon for three years. On the expiration of that period he disposed of the property and bought a farm in Audubon county, Iowa, where he made his home for seven years. Selling the place, he returned to Cedar county and at the end of eighteen months there purchased a farm in Rochester township, on which he lived for fourteen years. After disposing of

that property he bought a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Iowa township, which is still in his possession and which he brought under a high state of cultivation and improvement during the eight years of his residence thereon. In connection with the tilling of the soil he made a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and hogs, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income. In 1909 he put aside the active work of the fields and on the 10th of December of that year took up his abode in a fine residence which he had purchased in West Liberty, where he has since made his home.

Mr. Ridenour has been married three times. On the 17th of November, 1873, he wedded Miss Mary Turner, a native of Cedar county, Iowa, and a daughter of John and Matilda Turner. By this union there were four sons, only one of whom survives, namely: Morton S., who is now a resident of California. The wife and mother passed away in 1884 and two years later Mr. Ridenour was again married, his second union being with Miss Ellen Hinkhouse, a native of Pennsylvania, by whom he had three children: Fred, who resides on his father's farm; Cora, who is deceased; and Daisy, a high school graduate, who is still at home. Mrs. Ellen Ridenour was called to her final rest in 1904 and on the 28th of August, 1907, our subject wedded Miss Jane Pratt, a native of Indiana and a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Pratt. Her father is deceased but her mother is yet living, now making her home at Wilton Junction, Iowa.

Mr. Ridenour is a republican in politics and has held the offices of trustee and school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at West Liberty, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. Mr. Ridenour is a man of high principles, his life actuated by worthy purposes and characterized by honorable conduct in every relation. Thus he has won the respect of his fellowmen and is numbered among the representative citizens of his community.

NEELY CREES.

Neely Crees, deceased, was long and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits in this part of the state, owning and operating five hundred acres of land. His birth occurred in Pennsylvania, October 5, 1833, his parents being John and Sarah (McLaughlin) Crees, who in 1835 established their home in Medina county, Ohio. Two years later they removed to Wayne county, that state, there residing until 1844, when they returned to Pennsylvania. At the end of a year they took up their abode in Jefferson county, Iowa, and in 1849 went to Cedar county, where they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of six children, as follows: Nancy, who is now eighty-one years of age; Henry, who followed farming as a life work and passed away in 1905; Thomas, who is likewise deceased; Neely, of this review; Joel, who was called to his final rest in 1908; and Joseph, who is a resident of Oklahoma.

Neely Crees, who was but two years of age when taken to Ohio, accompanied his parents on their various removals, being a youth of twelve at the time of his

arrival in this state. His first venture in the business world was as a miller but subsequently he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, purchasing five hundred acres of land in Cedar county. The cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his attention until he put aside the active work of the fields in 1894, having won a competence that obviated the necessity of further toil. On leaving the farm he came to Muscatine county, spending the remainder of his life in honorable retirement at West Liberty.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Crees chose Miss Emma Jane Wyant, a daughter of Isaac and Judith Ann (Guild) Wyant, who were natives of New Jersey. Leaving that state, they came to Iowa and here resided until called to their final rest. Their children were nine in number, namely: John, who is deceased; Mrs. Crees; George W.; Frank C.; Mary Catharine, the deceased wife of James Cooper; Elizabeth H., who is the wife of D. W. Butler, a merchant of Alliance, Nebraska; Anna Belle, who died in infancy; William; and Otis B. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Crees were born eleven children, as follows: two who died in infancy; Isaac W., a farmer of Cedar county; Sarah, the deceased wife of George Miller; Julia, the wife of Charles Morrison, of Cedar county; John T., who follows farming in Cedar county; Annie, who is the widow of Henry Beeson and makes her home in Davenport, Iowa; Carrie Belle, who is deceased; Emma J., who has likewise passed away; Neely Edgar, who is employed as a bookkeeper in Davenport, Iowa; and Myrtle Eva.

Mr. Crees gave his political allegiance to the democracy, while in religious faith he was a Presbyterian. Fraternally he was identified with the Knights Templar Masons, being a worthy exemplar of the teachings of the craft. His widow now resides in West Liberty with her youngest daughter, having a nice home there. The circle of her friends is a wide one, for she enjoys the warm regard and esteem of all who know her.

JOHN G. KLEIN.

Enterprise, perseverance and good judgment have all assisted John G. Klein in the attainment of unusual success as a farmer. The place he owns in Muscatine county comprises seven hundred and ten acres and as the farm is in fine condition throughout it is regarded as one of the model landed possessions of the county. Here he was born November 19, 1859, a son of Lawrence and Catherine (Schmidt) Klein, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father came to the United States in 1838 and after spending three or four years in Ohio returned to Germany, where he was married and in 1845, in company with his wife, again turned his face toward the new world. They made the voyage in a sailing vessel which required forty days for the journey across the ocean, and, having decided to establish himself permanently in Iowa, Mr. Klein located on section 28, Moscow township, Muscatine county. Neighbors were far apart in those days, the nearest house to their home being a log structure known as the

Four Mile house. Mr. Klein was an industrious and hard working man and as he had fully resolved to make a creditable showing in his new home he set to work vigorously and gradually accumulated land until in 1880, at the time of his death, he was the owner of eight hundred and thirty acres in Moscow township, which he acquired entirely through his own indomitable perseverance. His remains were interred in Klein cemetery. He was a man of high character and attained deserved success. Politically he was identified with the democratic party and, being a stanch friend of education, he served acceptably for a number of years as member of the school board. Religiously he gave his adherence to the German Lutheran church. The mother was called away in 1892 and she was laid to rest by the side of her husband. There were ten children in their family, three of whom died in infancy and one, Lizzie, at the age of thirty-two years. Those living are: George W., of Wilton, Iowa; Lawrence, now retired, living in Granite, Oklahoma; John G., the subject of this review; Matthew, of Atalissa, Iowa; J. A. J., who is now connected with a button factory at Beardstown, Illinois; and Anna, the wife of Jacob Gittert, a farmer who lives near Summit, Iowa.

John G. Klein was educated in the district schools and continued under the parental roof until after the death of his father, when he removed to section 29, Moscow township, where he still lives. He has put in all the improvements upon his farm, including buildings, fences, drainage and the setting out of shade and ornamental trees, making his home very attractive. He engages on a large scale in general farming and stock-raising and is also a very successful breeder of draft horses. In addition to his farming interests he owns considerable bank stock in various banks and is a member of the board of directors of the bank at Atalissa of which he was an organizer. For fifteen years he has been a director of the White Pigeon Insurance Company.

On the 24th of February, 1887, Mr. Klein was united in marriage to Miss Mary Plitt, who was born in Pennsylvania, January 15, 1864. Two children have blessed this union, of whom Clarence E. is the eldest. He was born February 4, 1888, and after receiving his preliminary education in the common schools became a student of the Wilton high school, from which he was graduated, subsequently teaching for a year in Moscow township. He then entered Brown's Business College at St. Louis and after graduating from that institution was for six months identified with Mull's wholesale grocery establishment and later with Meyer Brothers, wholesale druggists of St. Louis. Having decided upon a professional career, he matriculated in the State University at Iowa City, graduating from the law department in June, 1910, with the degree of LL. B. After leaving the university he began practice in his native county and in the fall of the same year he was nominated as clerk of the courts of Muscatine county. He is justly regarded as one of the most promising young men in this part of the state. The second son, Ivan, is now fourteen years of age and is a student in the common schools.

Mr. Klein is politically in sympathy with the democratic party and has served with great acceptance in various positions of responsibility, being constable, road supervisor, township trustee, member of the school board and justice of the peace, filling the last office about six years. He was treasurer of the school

board for twelve years, director seven years and for five years was president of that body. Socially he holds membership in the Masonic lodge at Wilton. He is not connected directly with any religious organization, though he is a liberal supporter of the local churches, but his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church of Atalissa. As it is easily to be seen, Mr. Klein is a man of high character and is regarded as a leader who has won the title by genuine merit. He is public spirited, patriotic and takes deep interest in every movement that assists in advancing the standard of citizenship. Hence, it is with pride that his neighbors and friends name him as one of the prominent residents of Moscow township.

TOWNSEND B. NICHOLS.

The student of history cannot carry his investigations far into the annals of Muscatine county without learning how close and honorable has been the connection of the Nichols family with the development and progress of this region. He whose name introduces this review was born in the village of Nichols on the 20th of January, 1874. His parents were Benjamin F. and Susan M. (Jenkins) Nichols, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father was a son of Samuel and Mary (Rogers) Nichols, both natives of Chillicothe, Ohio, and in that state the latter died. In 1842, Samuel Nichols was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Nancy Searles, the widow of Dr. Searles, of Wapello, Iowa. He had come to this state soon after the death of his first wife, arriving in the year 1838, at which time he located in what is now known as Pike township, Muscatine county. Iowa was still a part of the territory of Wisconsin and the Indians far outnumbered the white settlers in most portions of the state, although the work of civilization was being vigorously carried forward along the Mississippi, while some more venturesome spirits, willing to brave the greater dangers and hardships of pioneer life, had penetrated into the interior. Samuel Nichols entered a section of land, upon which he built a log cabin. It was one of the typical pioneer homes, covered with a clapboard roof. The floor was made of puncheons and the door had a wooden latch, which was lifted by the latchstring that was drawn in at night, so that the door could not be opened from the outside. As soon as he had completed this primitive home Samuel Nichols returned to Ohio and in 1840 he came with his family, consisting of five children, to Iowa, settling upon the claim which he had previously secured. These children were: Benjamin F., the father of Townsend B. Nichols; Elizabeth, who became the wife of Hosea Johns but both are now deceased; Margaret, who married John Swickard and they are also deceased; Mary, who became the wife of A. J. Brockway but both have now passed away; and Townsend, living in Los Angeles, California, who is, however, one of the most extensive land-owners of Muscatine county, Iowa, his holdings embracing over twenty-two hundred acres of finely improved land, all under a high state of cultivation, together with various properties in the village of Nichols. He lived with his parents until they passed away, after which he removed to Chicago, Illinois, where he re-

sided until 1902, in which year he went to California, where he has since made his home. Martha, the youngest of the family, has also passed away.

Samuel Nichols secured his land in Iowa with a land warrant granted him in recognition of his services in the war of 1812. During the second military contest with England he had served as a private under Captain Wallace of the Ohio militia. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged and was given the land warrant, which he did not locate, however, until he first came to Muscatine county in 1838, at which time he secured his section of land in Pike township and began the development of the farm that is still owned by members of his family. He remained in active connection with general agricultural pursuits here throughout his remaining days. He and his family occupied the original log cabin which he built in 1838 for about twenty-one years or until 1859. During that time no deaths occurred in that cabin. Two of the daughters, however, were married there, Elizabeth becoming the wife of Hosea Johns, while Margaret E. married John Swickard. There were also two births in that cabin, Mrs. Robert Black, a cousin of Townsend B. Nichols, having been born there, as was also Florence Swickard, a daughter of John Swickard, likewise a cousin of Townsend B. Nichols. As the years passed on Samuel Nichols prospered in his undertakings. He not only brought his original claim under a high state of development but also added to his holdings from time to time until he was the owner of three thousand acres of land in Muscatine county, lying mostly in Pike township. He manifested keen business judgment and sagacity and, realizing that this land must eventually advance in price, he very wisely made extensive investments.

Benjamin F. Nichols, his son and the father of Townsend B. Nichols, remained with his father in Muscatine county until 1849, when attracted by the discoveries of gold on the Pacific coast, he made his way to California, traveling by way of New Orleans, where he embarked on a vessel for Galveston, Texas, thence he made his way across Mexico and on its western shore embarked for San Francisco. He remained in California and other parts of the west for nineteen years, after which he returned to the old homestead in Muscatine county, Iowa. He then took charge of the farm, handled stock of all kinds and managed the estate until after his parents' deaths in 1871. The work which had been instituted by his father was continued by him and thus in a later generation he proved as valuable and active a factor in public progress as his father had before him. He laid out the town site of Nichols, the plat being filed for record on the 22d of June, 1871. This is now a village of about four hundred and fifty inhabitants. Benjamin F. Nichols there conducted a store and he and his brother also built a hotel, which they carried on for two years. At the end of that time Benjamin F. Nichols returned to the farm which his son Townsend now owns and occupied it continuously until his death, which occurred on the 5th of November, 1893. He is still survived by his widow, who is now living in Nichols at the age of sixty-five years.

Townsend B. Nichols is the only son born unto his parents. He still lives upon a part of the old homestead, being now the owner of six hundred acres of that property. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock of all kinds and keeps high grade cattle, horses and hogs. His business ability and executive

force are manifested in his careful and successful management of his private interests. In addition he also has charge of his uncle's estate of twenty-two hundred acres and other properties. A course in business college well trained him for work which he is now doing and practical experience has given him broad knowledge. Whatever he undertakes he carries forward to successful completion and his enterprise stands as an unquestioned fact in his career. In addition to the management and control of extensive farming interests he is one of the directors of the Nichols Savings Bank.

On the 25th of November, 1897, was celebrated the marriage of Townsend B. Nichols and Miss Letitia Medora Sutton, a native of Story county, Iowa, and a daughter of George and Letitia (Ames) Sutton, both of whom were natives of New York. Going to Illinois, they remained for a short time and then removed to Story county, Iowa, where they lived until 1890, when they came to Muscatine county, where the mother died in 1907. The father is still living with his daughter, Mrs. Nichols, at the age of seventy-three years. Unto him and his wife were born six children, of whom four are yet living. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols has been blessed with two children: Benjamin F., born November 26, 1898; and Anna Letitia, born November 28, 1900.

In his political views Mr. Nichols is a democrat and has been township clerk for two years. He is likewise president of the school board of Nichols and his aid and cooperation can always be counted upon to further any public project for the good of town, county, state or nation. He belongs to the Masonic lodge at Nichols, in which he has filled most of the chairs, and to the Odd Fellows lodge and the Modern Woodmen camp, also of Nichols. He is a typical young business man of the present day, alert and enterprising and watchful of opportunities pointing to success. His careful direction of his business affairs has made his properties valuable and productive and his efforts have largely been of a character that have contributed to public progress as well as individual prosperity.

IRA G. BAKER.

Ira G. Baker, who is now living in honorable retirement at West Liberty, has made his home here for the past forty-three years, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. His birth occurred in Massillon, Stark county, Ohio, on the 1st of December, 1829, his parents being Lucius and Catherine (Larue) Baker, the former a native of Connecticut and the latter of Pennsylvania. The father passed away at the comparatively early age of thirty-five years and Mrs. Baker subsequently gave her hand in marriage to Marquis Kirkpatrick. Our subject has one sister, Mary Jane.

When a youth of eighteen Ira G. Baker accompanied his mother and step-father on their removal to Cedar county, Iowa, there residing on a farm until 1853. That year witnessed his arrival in Muscatine county, where he has made his home continuously since with the exception of nine years. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company D, Second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, remaining with that command for about

nine months or until peace was declared. On returning to this county he once more took up the pursuits of civil life, devoting his time and energies to the cultivation of rented land. In 1878 he purchased a residence in West Liberty, where he has made his home while operating different farms in the vicinity. Now in the evening of life he is living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Baker chose Miss Susan J. Hammer, a daughter of John C. and Catharine Hammer. Mrs. Baker was one of five children, the others being as follows: David, who is deceased; Dennis, who died while serving in the army; Delilah, who is a widow; and Virginia, the wife of William Peterbaugh. Our subject and his wife were also the parents of five children, namely: Rosa C., the wife of George Hormell, who is engaged in the poultry business at West Liberty; Effie, who has passed away; Mary Jane, the wife of Clarence Barnhart, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Myrta, the widow of Homer Swain; and John H., who is a resident of West Liberty. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in March, 1871.

Mr. Baker is a staunch republican in politics but has never been an office seeker. In religious faith he is a Methodist and his life has ever been in conformity with his professions as a member of that church. He has now reached the venerable age of eighty-one years and well merits the respect and esteem which are uniformly accorded him.

MRS. OVILLA CROXEN.

Sixty-five years ago Mrs. Ovilla Croxen arrived in Muscatine county from her early home in the Buckeye state and has since lived here, now occupying a beautiful residence in Atalissa, supplied with all the conveniences and comforts that are to be desired. Born in Clinton county, Ohio, November 28, 1826, she is a daughter of Thomas and Judith Anthony, both natives of Virginia. The parents removed to Ohio at an early date and were married there, coming to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1845. The father purchased land in Goshen township, upon which he spent the remainder of his life. Of the seven children in the family, two are now living: Ovilla, and Thomas J., of Kansas.

Ovilla Anthony was educated in the district schools of Ohio and accompanied her parents on their removal to Muscatine county, where she was married, September 14, 1848, to James M. Brown, also a native of Ohio. Of this union three children were born: Lucy, now deceased; Henry, living in Colorado; and William E., also deceased. Her husband having departed this life April 1, 1854, Mrs. Brown was married September 10, 1856, to Samuel Croxen, a native of England, who came to this country in 1853. He was a farmer, and, being a man of energy and excellent judgment, was quite successful in his calling. He was summoned from earthly scenes February 19, 1905. He took a great interest in church work; was superintendent of the Sunday school for a great many years and attended all Sunday school conventions, being well known in church circles in Cedar, Johnson and Muscatine counties. Of this union four children



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were born. Mary A., now the wife of Warren Milick of Cedar county, Iowa; George, deceased; Charles C., of Goshen township, Muscatine county; and Frank, of Texas.

Mrs. Croxen is still the owner of fifty acres of the family homestead which is located on section 16, Goshen township. She also owns a beautiful residence in Atalissa, where she now lives, and has five town lots. Her memory carries her back to the little log cabin in the wilderness where her parents took up their home upon arriving in Iowa, and to many faces that have long since disappeared from earthly view. She is a firm believer in the Christian religion and holds membership in the Presbyterian church in which she has many friends, also being greatly esteemed in the region where she has lived for sixty-five years and where she is honored as one of the beloved mothers who has assisted to the extent of her ability in bringing about the desirable conditions of the present day.

WALTER I. SMITH.

Few residents of Wapsinonoc township deserve more credit for patient industry than does Walter I. Smith, whose name stands at the head of this review. By his undaunted perseverance he has acquired a competence, being now the owner of one of the valuable farms of the county, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. Born in Davis county, Iowa, June 23, 1864, he is the son of William and Melindy (Evans) Smith, both natives of Indiana. They were married in Iowa and the father engaged in farming in Davis county until 1890, when he disposed of his place and removed to Cedar county, purchasing a small tract upon which he lived until his demise in 1896. The mother made her home with her children until her death, which occurred in 1907. There were twelve children in their family, one of whom died in infancy, the others being Angeline; Albion; Frank; Lorilla, who died at the age of three years; Charley; Allen; Walter I.; Della; Lilly; Arthur; and Millard.

As a member of a large family, Walter I. Smith performed his share in the duties about the house and also in the work of the fields. He attended the district school, where he was inducted into the rudiments of an education, which he has greatly widened by reading and a habit of close observation that has been one of his prominent traits ever since his boyhood. He continued at home until twenty-one years of age and then worked out by the month for six years. After his marriage he rented land for three years and, having acquired the necessary funds, he purchased eighty acres in Cedar county, which he cultivated for ten years and then sold at a good profit upon the investment. In 1901 he purchased the farm of one hundred and sixty-three acres upon which he now lives and has provided it with all the desirable modern improvements, greatly adding to its value. He cultivates the cereals and is also very successful as a stock raiser. He has worked hard and can look forward to rest from labor in later years, having provided himself with ample means by which he will be able to command the comforts and, if he so desires, the luxuries of life.

On the 25th of December, 1888, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Dora E. Shepherd, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Richard and Amanda (Ball) Shepherd, the former of whom was born in Newfoundland and the latter in Pennsylvania. The parents were married in Ohio, and in 1871 settled on a farm in Iowa which Mr. Shepherd disposed of in 1896, residing for a few years in Missouri. He and his wife are now living at Tipton, Iowa. He was a faithful soldier for the Union at the time of the Civil war and is a man of noble and generous traits that have greatly endeared him to many friends. There were two children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Shepherd: Dora E., now Mrs. Walter I. Smith; and William, of South Dakota. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith has been made happy by the arrival of four children: Earl, born October 2, 1889, who attended the high school at Downing, Iowa, and is now living at home; Hazel Pearl, born November 10, 1891, who attended the high school and also studied music, and is now married to Carl Crozer, living in Cedar county; Verda M., born November 2, 1898; and Vae O., born April 25, 1901.

Mrs. Smith is a lady of many excellent qualities who possessed the advantages of a high-school education in her early womanhood. She engaged successfully as a teacher previous to her marriage. Mr. Smith is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias lodge at West Liberty and is a firm believer in the fraternal principles of that order. He and his wife are connected with the Methodist church and politically he gives his adherence to the republican party, believing that in so doing he is advancing the best interests of the nation. He is a member of the school board and the local telephone company. He has won a position of independence financially by the well established principle of industry, and his career cannot fail to be a valuable incentive to young men who have the ambition to accomplish a noble purpose in life.

JEFFERSON E. SANDERS.

Jefferson E. Sanders, the owner of a well improved and productive tract of land comprising one hundred and eighty-six and a half acres on section 16, Wapsinonoc township, is successfully engaged in business as a farmer and stockman. His birth occurred in Johnson county, Iowa, on the 6th of September, 1861, his parents being George W. and Abigail (Owen) Sanders, natives of Ohio. On taking up his abode in Johnson county, this state, the father first cultivated rented land for a time, while about 1865 he purchased a farm of sixty acres near Lone Tree, operating the place until he put aside the active work of the fields in 1906. He then bought a nice home in West Liberty and has there lived in honorable retirement to the present time. Unto him and his wife were born six children, namely: Celesta, who died in infancy; Jefferson E., of this review; Carrie, who is deceased; Bertrice, the wife of W. P. Nichols, of Wapsinonoc township, Muscatine county; and George H. and Mattie, who have also passed away.

When about twenty-one years of age Jefferson E. Sanders became identified with the grain business, being thus engaged at Lone Tree, Iowa, for one year.

On the expiration of that period he rented eighty acres of land, cultivating the tract for about twelve months. He then spent a year in the western part of Nebraska and subsequently worked as a farm hand for a similar period. During the following three years he operated a farm of one hundred and twenty acres belonging to a neighbor, while later he conducted a cream route for about a year. In 1889 he bought a tract of eighty acres in Johnson county, there carrying on agricultural pursuits until 1894, when he disposed of the property and took up his abode on his father-in-law's farm in Muscatine county. In the meantime he had purchased one hundred and eighty-six and a half acres of land on section 16, Wapsinonoc township, whereon he now resides, having brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and improvement. In addition to raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he feeds cattle and hogs for the market, making a specialty of shorthorn cattle. His prosperity is well deserved, for he has worked earnestly and persistently year by year, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by determined and honorable effort.

On the 21st of February, 1889, Mr. Sanders was united in marriage to Miss Lura Nichols, a daughter of Phineas and Martha (Gibson) Nichols. A sketch of her father appears on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were the parents of eleven children, all of whom are now deceased except the following named: Harriet, the wife of Albert Whitacre; J. Clark; Mrs. Sanders; Rosella, the wife of Charles Wolf; and Rosetta, the wife of Walter Mackey, of Downey, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have three sons: Glenn H., Forest N. and Vaughn J., all at home.

In politics Mr. Sanders is a staunch republican but his aspirations have not been in the line of office holding. In religious faith he is a Methodist, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias. He has spent practically his entire life in this part of the state and has long enjoyed an enviable reputation as a representative agriculturist and respected citizen.

ROY E. EVANS.

Roy E. Evans, the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land in Wapsinonoc township, is meeting with well merited success in his undertakings as an agriculturist. His birth occurred at Harper, Keokuk county, Iowa, on the 2d of August, 1878, his parents being Channing L. and Elva (Phillips) Evans, both of whom are now deceased. The father was a school teacher by profession. The paternal grandfather of our subject was an Englishman by birth. Roy E. Evans was the eldest of three sons, his brothers being Clarence L. and Ralph P.

When two years of age Roy E. Evans was taken by his parents to Creston, Iowa, where he remained until a youth of nine. At that time the family home was established in Muscatine county and within its borders Mr. Evans has resided continuously since. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention during his entire business career and he has found this field of activity congenial as well as profitable. In the fall of 1900 he purchased his present farm

of one hundred and sixty acres in Wapsinonoc township, all of which is under a high state of cultivation with the exception of an eight-acre timber tract. Mr. Evans is an enterprising farmer whose practical, progressive methods are manifest in the excellent appearance of his property.

On the 5th of December, 1906, Mr. Evans was united in marriage to Miss Lulu May Nauman, a daughter of David and Lizzie (Geduey) Nauman. Mr. and Mrs. Nauman had eight children, as follows: Cora Effie, the wife of Robert Klotz; Mrs. Evans; Harry Edward; Roy, who is deceased; Verl Holloway; Fayette and Fern, twins, both of whom have passed away; and one who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have a daughter, Villa Marie, who is in her first year.

In politics Mr. Evans is a democrat, while fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church. Although one of the younger representatives of agricultural interests in Muscatine county, he has already attained a measure of prosperity that augurs well for the future.

BENJAMIN FENSTERMAKER.

Benjamin Fenstermaker, who is now living retired in a fine residence at West Liberty, was for many years numbered among the substantial and enterprising agriculturists of Cedar county, where he still owns a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres. His birth occurred in Perry county, Pennsylvania, on the 15th of August, 1845, his parents being Ephraim and Sarah (Shoemaker) Fenstermaker, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. They came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1856, locating first at Atalissa, while shortly afterward they took up their abode at West Liberty but in 1862 removed to a farm in Cedar county. Ephraim Fenstermaker built the ninth house that was erected in West Liberty. He also purchased land in Cedar county and was long numbered among the substantial and respected residents of this part of the state. He passed away in 1901, when eighty-two years of age, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1882. Their children were nine in number, namely: Mary, who is deceased; Benjamin, of this review; Sarah, who has also passed away; Elizabeth, the wife of John Webster, of Muscatine county; Emeline, the wife of E. D. Smith; Amelia, who is deceased; Louise, who first married Stephen Schooley, by whom she had one son, and for her second husband married a Mr. Forbes, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Minnie, who is the wife of Howell Hise and now resides in Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Abbie, also living in Colorado Springs.

Benjamin Fenstermaker attended the common schools in pursuit of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age. At that time he purchased and located on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Cedar county, devoting his attention to its further cultivation and improvement for a period of thirty-two years. The property is still in his possession and he also holds the patent thereto, which was signed by Millard Fillmore. On putting

aside the active work of the fields he purchased a fine residence at West Liberty, where he has since lived in honorable retirement.

In May, 1864, Mr. Fenstermaker enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company D, Forty-fourth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, remaining with that command for one hundred days and participating in several skirmishes. He still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades through his membership in Post No. 255 at West Liberty.

In 1870 Mr. Fenstermaker was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Wells, who was born in Mount Vernon, Ohio, on the 3d of May, 1847, and was brought to this county as a child by her parents, George and Eliza Wells, both of whom are now deceased. Mrs. Fenstermaker, who was one of a family of five children, is now the mother of five sons, as follows: Harry, who is still at home; Ephraim, who resides on his father's farm in Cedar county; Charles who is a resident of Bucyrus, Ohio; Sidney, living in Indianapolis; and Raymond, who also lives on his father's farm.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Fenstermaker has supported the men and measures of the republican party but has never desired political preferment for himself. The cause of education, however, has ever found in him a stanch champion and he has served as a school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to both the lodge and chapter at West Liberty. The greater part of his life has been passed in this portion of the state and the favorable regard entertained for him by his fellow townsmen is proof that his career has been an honorable one.

JOHN CUNNIFF.

Although over eighty years of age, John Cuniff, a respected citizen of West Liberty, now retired, enjoys a goodly measure of health and strength. He can look back upon a long life of usefulness and honor during which he has contributed to the extent of his ability toward the progress of his adopted state. Coming to America as a young man, he has witnessed great changes and has lived to appreciate the benefits which are the result of the many discoveries of the last half century and also of the remarkable adaptation of the soil to the uses of man.

He was born in County Galway, Ireland, January 6, 1830, a son of Luke and Sarah (Carr) Cuniff, also natives of the Emerald isle, where they spent their entire lives. There were eight children in their family: Patrick; John, of this review; Roger, now a resident of Chicago; and Edward, Mary, Margaret, Hannah and Catherine, all of whom are deceased.

John Cuniff received his early education in the select schools of his native land and continued at home with his parents until twenty-one years of age, when he went to England for three years and then came to America. Possessed of a good constitution and of a worthy ambition to perform his part manfully in the world, he decided to seek his fortune in a foreign country and accordingly bade farewell to familiar scenes and turned his face toward the United States. He crossed the ocean in a slow-going sailing vessel and after landing in New York

traveled by rail to Dunkirk, then by boat to Chicago, where he joined an emigrant train which came as far west as Rock Island, Illinois. Going aboard a steamboat, he proceeded to his destination, which was Muscatine, and remained there for one year, when he removed to West Liberty, living in the town or in its vicinity for the next nine years. About 1864 he became a citizen of Cedar county and engaged for more than forty years as a farmer and stock-raiser. By the application of industry and good judgment he gained a responsible position in his chosen calling and attained a financial independence that would scarcely have been possible had he remained in his native land. In 1902 he took up his residence in West Liberty, where he has since remained, being the possessor of a commodious and well appointed home, surrounded by two acres of ground.

In 1861 Mr. Cuniff was united in marriage to Miss Helen Dobson and thirteen children blessed this union, namely: Edward, Roger, Daniel and David, of Chicago; Thomas, of Portland, Oregon; Luke, deceased; Mary E. and Sarah, also of Chicago; Catherine, of Denver, Colorado; Margaret, deceased; Luke J., of Chicago; James, deceased; and one who died in infancy.

As the head of a large and promising family Mr. Cuniff endeavored to set an example of industry, patience and perseverance and it is a pleasure to know that his efforts were not in vain. He inherited many of the genial qualities of his ancestry and a spirit of helpfulness has won for him many friends whose esteem is one of the rewards which he now receives as the result of his many kindly acts. Politically he is affiliated with the democratic party, and in religious belief he and his estimable wife give their earnest support to the Catholic church.

LINDLEY L. BIRKETT.

Lindley L. Birkett, who is numbered among the worthy native sons of Muscatine county, has won a gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings as an agriculturist, being now the owner of two hundred and ninety acres of rich and arable land in Wapsinonoc township. His birth occurred on the 25th of June, 1875, his parents being Thomas and Susan (Hargraves) Birkett, the former a native of England and the latter of New Jersey. The father crossed the Atlantic to the United States when about twenty-one years of age, settling first in New York. He is now a retired agriculturist of West Liberty, and a complete review of his life is given on another page of this work. He was twice married, his first union being with Miss Lucy Hargraves, by whom he had two children, namely: Lucy, the wife of J. J. Nichols; and Charles E., who is deceased. By his marriage to Miss Susan Hargraves he had seven children, as follows: Lilla B., the wife of Edward Fitzgerald, of West Liberty; Edith M., who is the wife of Charles Mosher and resides in West Liberty; Bertha I., who gave her hand in marriage to Walter G. Mosher and makes her home in West Liberty; Leslie R., who has passed away; Vincent H., living on the old homestead; Lindley L., of this review; and Fred T., a resident of Kansas.

Lindley L. Birkett attended the public schools and was graduated from the West Liberty high school in 1893, after which he pursued a course of study in

the Iowa State College at Ames. When twenty-one years of age he started farming for himself on the old homestead place in Wapsinonoc township, whereon he has resided continuously since. His holdings embrace two hundred and ninety acres of land, all of which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. The property is lacking in none of the improvements and conveniences of a model farm of the twentieth century and in its neat and thrifty appearance indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. In connection with the tilling of the soil Mr. Birkett makes a specialty of raising cattle, which branch of his business adds materially to his income.

In politics Mr. Birkett is a republican, while fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist church. His entire life has been spent in Muscatine county and his good qualities have gained him the favorable regard and commendation of friends and neighbors.

THOMAS H. BRANNAN.

Thomas H. Brannan, city recorder of Muscatine and one of its most popular young men, was born in this city, January 23, 1883. He is a son of Judge William F. and Mary Helen (McColm) Brannan, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. In the family are two children: William F., Jr., of New York city, and Thomas H. John Brannan, the paternal grandfather, was born near Dublin, Ireland, and received a good education, becoming a school teacher in his native land. In 1822 he came to America and located at Washington, D. C., where he entered the government service as clerk in the pension department. He wedded Mary McLeod and three sons were born to them: John, Thomas and William F. Our subject's Grandfather McColm was a native of Portsmouth, Ohio, where he entered the dry-goods business and studied law, becoming county judge of his county. He came to Muscatine in 1866 and was for a number of years identified with the dry-goods business in this city. He married Miss Mary Davidson and they became the parents of the following children: Mary Helen, the mother of our subject; Louise, who married W. D. Ament and is now deceased; Frank, also deceased; Lydia, the widow of Henry D. Wycoff, of Chillicothe, Missouri; John Leroy, of Muscatine; and A. Greenley, of Waterloo, Iowa.

Thomas H. Brannan was reared in Muscatine and attended the public schools, then becoming a student at St. Albans Military Academy, of Knoxville, Illinois. After leaving that institution he studied law in the offices of J. W. McKee and E. P. Ingham, of Muscatine, later entering the Northern Illinois College of Law, at Dixon, Illinois, from which he was graduated with the degree of LL. B. in 1901. Desiring to pursue his studies further, he became a student in the law department of the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, where he continued for a little more than a year. Returning again to Muscatine, he entered newspaper work as a reporter on the Muscatine Journal and after a short experience on that paper, accepted a position on The Nonpareil at Council Bluffs, Iowa. One more he became identified with the Muscatine Journal but, desiring to see something

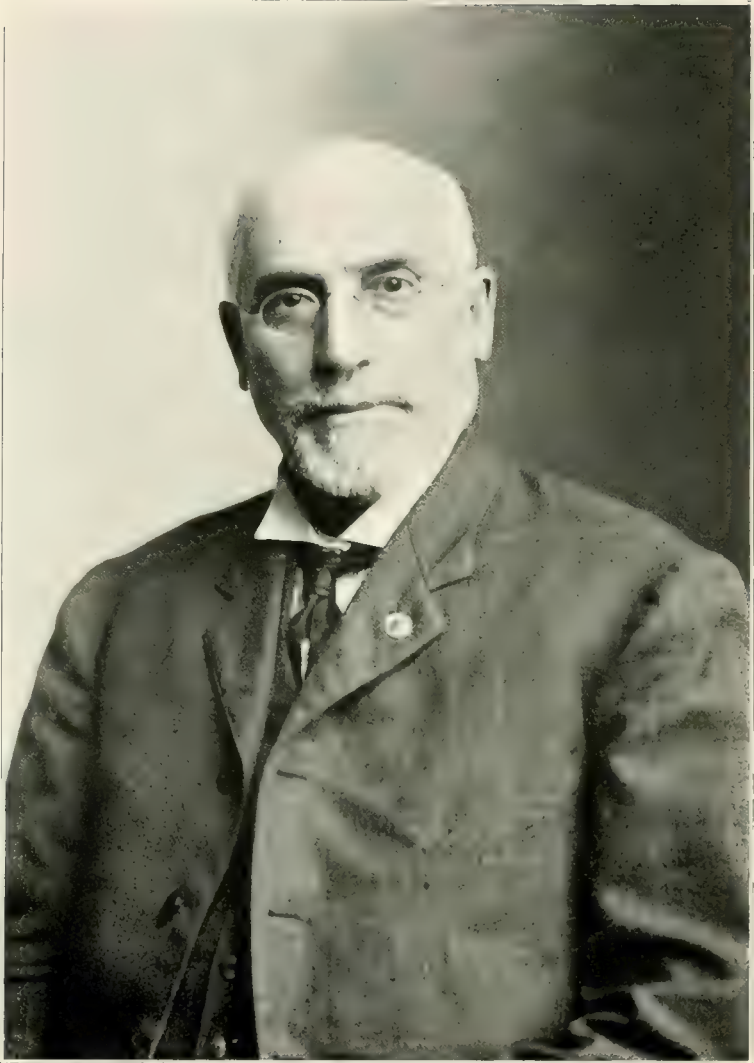
of the world, he went west and was connected with papers in Seattle and Tacoma, Washington; Ogden and Salt Lake, Utah. In 1907 he became city editor of the Muscatine Journal and continued in that position until March, 1910, when he was elected city recorder. This office he now occupies, discharging its duties in a way that meets his hearty approval of the people of the city regardless of party affiliation.

On the 18th of May, 1909, Mr. Brannan was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude L. Legler, a native of Seventy-six township, Muscatine county, and the only child of John J. and Ida (Geiger) Legler. Her parents were both born in Muscatine county, Mr. Legler becoming one of its well known farmers and stock-raisers. They are now living in Muscatine. One child, Margaret, has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brannan.

Mr. Brannan is a member of the Phi Delta Theta college fraternity and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, and he and his wife are both identified with the Presbyterian church. Politically he adheres to the republican party, believing that the permanent interests of the country are best subserved by its principles. Having possessed unusual advantages of home training and of education and also having traveled extensively in the United States, in the course of which he made many interesting observations, Mr. Brannan has a mind well stored with knowledge and as a conversationalist has few superiors anywhere. Socially he possesses qualities which readily attract friends and it is freely prophesied by those who know him best that in the years to come he will prove a worthy successor to his father in the estimation of the people of his native state.

PROFESSOR FINLEY MILLER WITTER.

Professor Finley Miller Witter, "for so long a time the best known and most universally and justly loved, esteemed and honored citizen of Muscatine county," was identified with the educational development of the city and county of Muscatine for nearly a half century and ranked with the ablest educators of the state. His life work was of inestimable value to the community in which he lived and labored. He ever held to the highest standards in his profession and endeavored at all times to promote the work of the schools so that the system of public instruction should give the young people a substantial basis and foundation for the building of character and success. Moreover, his life in its various phases constituted for them an example well worthy of emulation. Almost his entire life had been passed in Iowa. His parents, Jacob and Rebecca (Miller) Witter, were early settlers of Indiana and subsequently became pioneer residents of Leon, Decatur county, Iowa, whence they removed to Iowa City, Iowa, in order that their sons might be educated in the Iowa University. Later the family home was established at Des Moines, where the death of Jacob Witter occurred. His widow afterward returned to Leon and lived there with a daughter until her demise. They were the parents of eleven children, of whom the following are living: Matilda, David F., William L. and John P.



PROF. F. M. WITTER

At the death of Professor Witter, Professor W. F. Chevalier penned the following account of his life, which was read before the Iowa State Teachers Association: "Superintendent Witter was born August 15, 1839, at St. Joseph, near South Bend, Indiana, and with his parents in 1850 removed to Delaware county, Iowa, making the trip overland in covered wagons, assisting his father in opening a farm on Elk creek. There was almost no opportunity to attend school there for four years. Again calling into service the covered wagons, the family removed to Leon, Decatur county, where they settled on government land. A log schoolhouse was built in the neighborhood the same year and winter school of about four months was maintained, which he attended. In 1858, when yet a mere boy, he went as a herdsman with a division of the United States army from Fort Worth to Fort Lorraine, in the Rocky Mountains. From there he drove a team of six yoke of oxen in a train of twenty-six wagons back to Nebraska City, Nebraska. He had a rich experience among animals, buffalo and Indians, and became familiar with the overland stage and pony express. He returned to Leon in the late fall of 1858 and was soon appointed to represent Decatur county at the normal department of the State University at Iowa City. He attended an academy at Leon in the winter of 1858-59, to prepare for this work. In the summer of 1859 he taught a country school. Later he entered the State University at Iowa City, receiving therefrom the degrees of Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts. After leaving the university, he taught school in Johnson county for five months, then he went to Davenport, where he served as principal of one of the ward schools for two years. He then came to Muscatine, having been elected to the principalship of the school then called No. 2. This was in the fall of 1864. He then began the organization of the schools of Muscatine, putting them upon a plane of equality with the best schools of the state. His heart was in the work. With him it was a labor of love. The Muscatine Journal fitly expresses what the citizens of Muscatine generally feel toward his work in the city schools in the following words: 'The organization and the present high standard of the Muscatine schools are the result in a large measure of his ability and energetic work and are a fitting tribute to the man who through nearly half a century never lost sight of the needs of the school children and never failed to devote his best efforts to increase their opportunities for learning.' Later he established the high school and was its first principal. The fame of the Muscatine high school under his management and tuition was known far and wide, for he was preeminently a teacher. Consequently in this work he was most happy. For many years he was both principal of the high school and superintendent of the city schools. In 1873 he made an extended tour of the middle land and New England states and attended the summer school of natural science on Penikese Island in Buzzard's Bay, under the management of Louis Agassiz. Here he sat at the feet of this great teacher and became one of his devoted disciples. The scientific spirit and inspiration that he there imbibed, he has since transmitted to a large number of equally devoted disciples of his own. Mr. Witter's reputation in biology and geology was more than local. At the close of the winter of 1881, Mr. Witter resigned his school in this city to accept the superintendency of a coal company organized in Muscatine, to operate in What Cheer. He spent two years in opening and operating

coal mines. In the spring of 1883 he bought a small farm three miles from this city on the Moscow road, intending to engage in small fruit growing and bee culture. The board of education in Muscatine, in August, 1885, without solicitation on his part, unanimously invited him to the superintendency of the schools, which invitation he accepted. He served the city in this capacity until June, 1901. Following his retirement from the management of the city schools, he was elected to the position of county superintendent. He served three terms, a total of seven years."

The Muscatine News-Tribune spoke of his work as county superintendent in the following words: "He was exceptionally well equipped for the office, both mentally and morally, and never considered that politics had anything to do with his incumbency or administration. His work in the position was more than that of an officeholder. He cared more to please than to perpetuate his tenure. He loved children and children loved him, as the throngs in his office on Saturdays attested. His whole life had been spent in educational work, devoted to organizing and directing the teachers under him to give their best efforts to their pupils, and to increase the efficiency of the educational system. He spent most of his time visiting the rural schools (not once a year nor once in two years) but once or twice a term, and spent nights with the parents and patrons discussing plans for the further improvement of the schools. That his work and interest were appreciated was shown by the absence of opposition in the party convention and splendid majorities given him at three successive elections."

Mr. Witter was an active member of the Iowa State Teachers' Association from 1863 until his removal to Mississippi in the winter of 1908. He filled various offices in the gift of the association. He was its honored president at the forty-ninth session in 1903. He was very proud of the fact that it came to him unsolicited on his part. He was at the home of his brother, David Witter, in Des Moines, the morning after his election, wholly unaware that anything personal to himself had transpired at the association, when his brother picked up the Des Moines Register and read to him the notice of his election, much to his astonishment. But this was thoroughly characteristic of the man. He was wholly unselfish and as far removed from self-seeking as it is possible for a man to be. Whatever honor came to Mr. Witter came to him because of his sterling worth. He was, also, an active member of the National Association and attended regularly its meetings in various parts of the United States. He was especially interested in the meetings of the department of superintendents of the National Association. In all phases of his educational work, he was:

"One who never turned his back but marched breastforward
Never doubted clouds would break.
Never dreamed, though right were worsted, wrong would triumph
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better,
Sleep to wake."

On the 10th of July, 1867, Professor Witter was united in marriage to Miss Harriet H. Cook, a daughter of George and Sarah (Brewster) Cook, of whom mention is made in connection with the biography of S. B. Cook on another page of this work. Professor and Mrs. Witter became the parents of two daughters and a son: Anna, who is the wife of Herbert Howe, of Jackson,

Mississippi, and has two sons, Donald Witter and Joshua Brewster Howe; Nellie, who is the widow of Clyde Lewis Dove and resides at Biloxi, Mississippi, with one son, Wilbur Reece Dove; and Louis A. Witter, a grocer of Biloxi, Mississippi, who married Florence Morrison and has two children, Louis Finley and Mary Brewster Witter.

At his own fireside Professor Witter was a devoted husband and father and in his home love was a ruling element. There it was that his loss was most deeply felt and yet there was perhaps no one among the many students who came under his instruction that did not feel deep regret at his passing, he had done so much for Iowa in an educational way. He was one of the founders of the Iowa Academy of Science, was for a time its president and until recently a member of the Association for the Advancement of Science and the Conchological Society of Great Britain and Ireland. He became a recognized authority on conchology and was equally versed on geology and botany, in which connections he gathered many rare and interesting relics and specimens. He was also a taxidermist and his bird mountings constituted a valuable collection. The spirit of science became a paramount one in the schools and the splendid botanical, physical and chemical laboratories of the school indicated the planning and supervision of a trained scientist.

In this connection one who knew him well said: "But he was more than a skilled scientist, he was a great teacher. His teaching was of that type commended by our friend Mr. Sabin which is saturated with life-giving energy and so reproduces its own spirit in the learner and multiplies itself in many hearts. I have met many men whose hair, whitened with the frosts of many winters, still delight to make known their obligations to Mr. Witter and to call themselves his boys. I see daily a great corps of teachers, most of whom received their educational nurture under him and whose spirit still lives in them. What a tribute to the worth of the man, that after fifty years of labor in one community, his spirit is still potent and multiplying itself in a host of active, capable teachers of a new generation. As these strong men were proud to call themselves Mr. Witter's boys, so just as truly are these young teachers Mr. Witter's girls. It is said that the great Swiss-American biologist, Louis Agassiz, who touched Mr. Witter's lips and life with the teaching spirit, asked that his epitaph should be the single word 'Teacher.' So were I to write the epitaph of him whose life we commemorate today I would have carved upon the memorial that marks his resting place, 'Finley M. Witter, Teacher, Friend and Guide to Teachers.'"

C. S. BARCLAY.

It is to men like C. S. Barclay, now living at West Liberty, that the live-stock interests have been greatly advanced and farming made more profitable than in earlier times. As a breeder of fine cattle Mr. Barclay attained a fine reputation in the country and now he is enjoying at ease the results of many years of arduous labor. He was born in Knox county, Ohio, October 23, 1842, a son of M. S. and Amy (Traer) Barclay. The father was a native of New York state but

lived for a number of years in Ohio, coming to Wapsinonoc township, Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1851. Here he successfully engaged in farming until 1893, when he was called to his reward. The mother of our subject was born in Pennsylvania and died in this county in 1891. There were six children in the family: Liddie, who died in 1909; C. S., of this review; James, deceased; Preston, now a salesman of Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Ella Reynolds, of Norfolk, Nebraska; and Cora V., now the wife of Professor Noble of Iowa State College at Ames.

C. S. Barclay received his early education in the common schools and was just preparing for the active duties of life when the great Rebellion cast its shadows over the land. In response to the call for men to defend the Union, he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company D, Thirty-fifth Regiment Iowa Volunteer Infantry, to serve for three years or during the war and took part in many of the great engagements and movements including the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Jackson, Mississippi; Mobile, Alabama; Pleasant Hill, Louisiana; Yellow Bayou, Nashville and others, also taking part in many skirmishes and hard marches under Generals A. J. Smith and Joseph Mower. He was wounded at the battle of the Old River Lake. While making a charge he saw a beautiful stand of Confederate colors just over a stone wall, and jumping the wall he started to seize the coveted treasure when a party of Confederates concealed in a clump of bushes opened fire. Had it not been for the immediate arrival of his comrades Private Barclay would surely have lost his life. He was in many dangerous positions during the war but this was the most critical that he ever experienced. At the time of his honorable discharge he was second ranking duty sergeant of his company and was acting as orderly sergeant.

Returning to Muscatine county, Mr. Barclay began his business career as clerk in a store in West Liberty for about one year, at the end of which time he became a purchaser and shipper of live stock, and later he engaged in the nursey business at Cedar Rapids for about a year. He was attracted to farming, however, and became associated with his father in agriculture and stock-raising, soon becoming identified with the breeding of fine stock, in which he was continuously engaged for thirty-five years. He devoted his entire attention to the business and was an exhibitor at as many as thirty state fairs, and also at the international fat stock show in Chicago. He purchased stock from various parts of the country and shipped high grade animals to the western ranges. In 1883 he shipped over seventeen hundred head, the most of which he purchased himself, and he acquired an established reputation among large cattle owners as a dealer whose word could be relied upon implicitly. Since 1897 he has lived practically retired and has disposed of most of his real estate except a handsome residence at West Liberty and a farm of one hundred and sixty acres.

In 1872 Mr. Barclay was united in marriage to Miss Emily H. Wonsetler, a native of Ohio, and by this union five children were born, namely: Wade C., a graduate of the State University of Iowa and also of the Chicago University in the divinity course, who is now educational director of the Methodist Episcopal Sunday Schools of the United States, with headquarters in Chicago; R. W., a graduate of Iowa State College, now engaged as live-stock auctioneer at Mason City, Iowa; Josephine, also a graduate of Iowa State College, who was a teacher of domestic science in the University of Florida for two years, in the

Illinois State University at Champaign for a year, then in Idaho and later in California, but is spending the present year with her brothers in Portland, Oregon; Paul V., graduate of Iowa State College, engaged in the real-estate business in Portland, Oregon; and M. S., who was a student for three years at Iowa State College, and is also engaged in the real-estate business at Portland.

Mr. Barclay has observed the beneficial effects of education, and schools and colleges have no warmer friend than he. For six years he was a member of the board of trustees of Iowa State College, and in giving every desirable advantage of education to his children he started them on the road to attain worthy ideals. Politically he is an adherent of the republican party and socially he is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic, being one of the staunchest friends of the old soldiers to be found in the country. In the fall of 1905 he had the misfortune to lose his right arm in a corn shredder and it was mainly on account of this accident that he retired from active business. Through strong and determined purpose Mr. Barclay won his way to success and through many genial and worthy qualities he has gained the lasting esteem of a host of friends in Iowa and other states.

WILLIAM SANGER.

William Sanger, the owner of a valuable and well improved farm of two hundred and seventy-five acres in Wapsinonoc township, has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and the success which has attended his efforts is ample proof of the fact that his choice of a vocation was a wise one. His birth occurred in Cedar county, Iowa, on the 24th of November, 1871, his parents being John and Lucy A. (Ward), Sanger, who were natives of England and Ohio respectively. The father, who crossed the Atlantic to the United States when he had attained his majority, passed away in 1886 at the age of forty-six years. Unto him and his wife were born nine children, as follows: Annie, the wife of Ed Collins, a carpenter living in Cedar county; Robert, who is a resident of Kansas; George, who makes his home in South Dakota; Susan, who is the widow of William Ward and resides in Cedar county; William, of this review; John C., of South Dakota; Daisy G.; Mary, who is the wife of Jake Snyder, an agriculturist of Minnesota; and Bertha, who lives in Cedar county.

William Sanger, whose name introduces this review, has made his home in Muscatine county since the spring of 1908. Farming has claimed his attention since he started out in life for himself and he has found it a profitable as well as congenial occupation. At the present time he owns two hundred and seventy-five acres of land in Wapsinonoc township, all under a high state of cultivation and improvement. He has made a close study of agriculture in its various phases and possesses the spirit of enterprise and progress which, directed by keen business sagacity and wise discernment, have been salient elements in winning for him the gratifying degree of prosperity which is today his.

On the 8th of May, 1902, Mr. Sanger was united in marriage to Miss Nellie A. Bates, a daughter of George Frederick and Anna (Phelps) Bates, who were early settlers of Cedar county, Iowa. Following her husband's death Mrs. Bates was again married, her second union being with H. K. Maxson, by whom she had three children: Lafayette, Floyd and Chesley. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sanger were born five children, namely: One who died in infancy; Kenneth William, a little lad of four years; Myrle John, who is three years old; Alta L., aged one year; and Lyle Frederick.

In politics Mr. Sanger is a republican, while fraternally he is identified with the Woodmen. He and his wife attend the Methodist church and are widely recognized as people of genuine personal worth. A resident of this part of the state from his birth to the present time, Mr. Sanger has gained an extensive acquaintance and many friends who hold him in high esteem.

EDWARD W. DENTON.

Edward W. Denton, a wealthy farmer and stockman owning and cultivating a tract of land comprising two hundred acres situated four miles north of Muscatine, in Bloomington township, has continuously made his home thereon for the past fifty-five years. His birth occurred in Denton, Orange county, New York, on the 17th of March, 1833, his parents being Horace E. and Adelaide L. (Little) Denton, who were likewise natives of the Empire state. The progenitor of the family in America was Richard Denton, who came here from Scotland in 1630, settling at Hempstead, Long Island, where he preached the gospel as a minister of the Presbyterian church. He is said to have founded Presbyterianism in the United States.

Horace E. Denton, the father of the gentleman whose name introduces this review, came to Iowa from New York in 1855 and purchased eighty acres of wild land in Bloomington township, Muscatine county, where he developed a fine farm and made his home until called to his final rest in 1871 when seventy-five years of age. His wife, who survived him for a number of years, passed away in 1877 at the age of seventy-six years. Both were old-school Presbyterians in religious faith and their lives were at all times upright and honorable. They became the parents of seven children, four of whom died in early life. Those who grew to maturity are as follows: Eliza B., who is deceased; Edward W., of this review; and Charles H., living in New York.

Edward W. Denton was reared to manhood on the home farm in New York and attended the old-fashioned country schools in the acquirement of an education. In 1855 he accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa and bought one hundred and twenty acres of raw prairie land in Bloomington township, Muscatine county. As the years passed by he developed the property into an excellent farm, placing many substantial improvements thereon and bringing the fields under a high state of cultivation. Coming into possession of his father's farm at the time of the latter's death, he now owns two hundred acres of rich and productive land, which returns to him a gratifying annual income. The

neat and attractive appearance of the place indicates his careful supervision and practical and progressive methods.

On the 24th of August, 1864, Mr. Denton was united in marriage to Miss Rose A. Farnsworth, a native of Sweetland township, Muscatine county, and a daughter of Aziel and Ann (Shepherd) Farnsworth, who were born in Vermont and New York respectively. They took up their abode among the very earliest settlers of this county, coming here in 1836. Aziel Farnsworth died in California in the '80s, while the demise of his wife occurred in Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1847. They had four children, namely: Alvin, John, Shepherd and Rose. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Denton were born seven children, as follows: Horace F., who lives in the west; George Albert, who passed away in 1899; Erminia Florence, who keeps house for her father; Lewis Edward, who died at the age of eighteen months; Jessie I., who passed away when four and a half years old; Charles A., who operates the home farm and wedded Nina Hild, by whom he has one child, Rose K.; and Jasper J., still at home. The wife and mother was called to her final rest on the 17th of September, 1904, when more than sixty years of age, passing away in the faith of the Methodist church.

In politics Mr. Denton is an independent republican, not considering himself bound by party ties at local elections. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, while fraternally he is identified with the Masons, belonging to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M. He has now passed the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey and receives the respect and veneration which should ever be accorded one who has traveled thus far on this earthly pilgrimage and whose career has at all times been above reproach.

GEORGE W. BALDWIN.

Pennsylvania has contributed many valiant sons of Iowa but is it doubtful whether a worthier representative of the Keystone state is to be found in Muscatine county than George W. Baldwin, of West Liberty. He was a true soldier when the life of the country was in danger, and he has been a useful and progressive citizen. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, August 12, 1843, son of Joseph and Violetta L. (Smith) Baldwin. The father was also a native of the Keystone state and passed his entire life there. He made farming his principal occupation, but he and his wife both taught school the first year after their marriage. They were the parents of seven children, four of whom are now living: William, a street car conductor of Philadelphia, now seventy-three years of age; George W., of this review; Byron, now living at New Orleans, Louisiana, who was ranking surgeon of the United States navy and retired from active service in 1907; Ella Louisa, now teacher of higher arithmetic, Latin and German at Bridgeport, Connecticut, being a graduate of the Normal School at West Chester, Pennsylvania, and also of Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

George W. Baldwin received his preliminary education in the common schools of his native county, after which he attended Friedland's Institute for one year. He continued with his parents until their death, on the 6th of August, 1862, being

then eighteen years of age, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and was made a non-commissioned officer. He served with that command until May 16, 1863, and then reenlisted in Company A of the Twentieth Pennsylvania Cavalry. Having acquitted himself with very high credit in a special examination, he was honored by promotion to the captaincy of the company, continuing in the service until January 6, 1864, when he was honorably discharged and mustered out. He participated in the battles of Antietam, Chancellorsville, Washington Court House, Lower Bull Run, Fredricksburg, Fisher's Landing and many minor engagements.

After leaving the army Mr. Baldwin returned to Pennsylvania, where he was married and in October, 1866, came to West Liberty, and became a dealer in Shetland ponies and horses, continuing in the same business until his health gave out and he was obliged to seek less laborious employment. At the present time he is a breeder of Partridge Wyandotte chickens and has gained a wide reputation in a line to which he has devoted close attention and which he thoroughly understands.

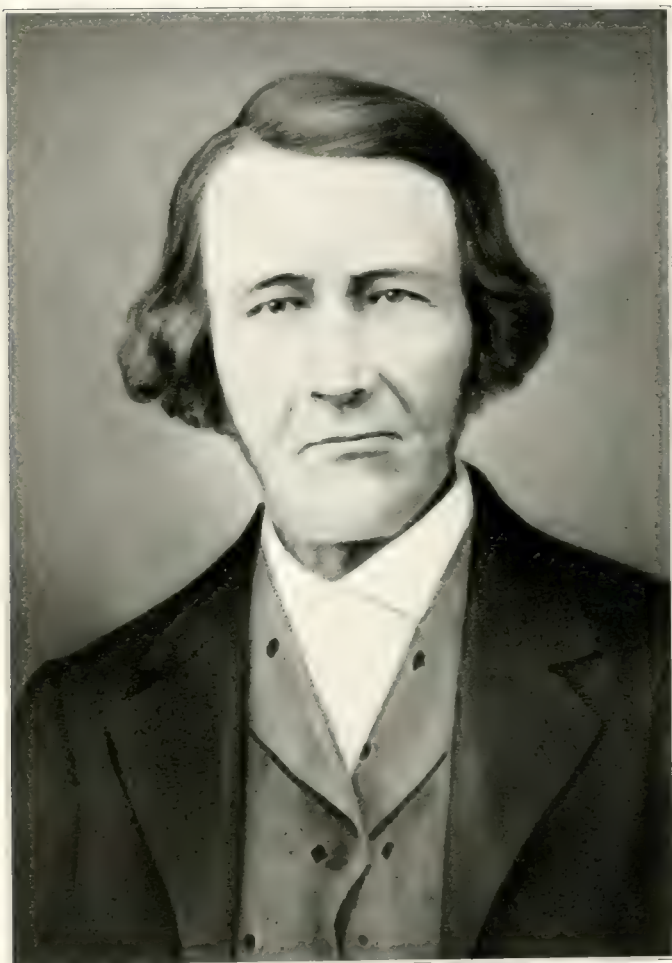
On the 4th of June, 1866, Mr. Baldwin was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Rickard, a native of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, by whom he had one child, Harry Atwood, now deceased. Mrs. Baldwin died November 25, 1899, and was buried in Oakridge cemetery, West Liberty, Iowa.

Mr. Baldwin is a staunch supporter of the republican party and a valued member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He was reared in the Quaker faith and has never departed from the simple belief which looks within for guidance through every difficulty. He has led a busy and useful life and although nearly three score and ten years of age still continues to faithfully perform his duties. A man of unblemished character, he stands very high in the estimation of a host of friends and acquaintances in Muscatine and adjoining counties.

PETER N. LANE.

Peter N. Lane was born on the farm where he now resides on section 23, Wapsinonoc township, and is well known as a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of this county. At the present time he is living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. His birth occurred on the 11th of September, 1851, his parents being John G. and Jane (Brisbine) Lane, who were natives of New Jersey and Pennsylvania, respectively. They came to Muscatine county in 1837 or 1838, the father here entering a tract of land which has remained in possession of the family continuously since and erecting thereon a log cabin with clapboard roof and puncheon floor. Mr. Lane was successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest in February, 1872, and in his passing the community lost one of its substantial and respected pioneer residents. The demise of his wife occurred in November, 1883. They were the parents of six children, two of whom are yet living, namely: Peter N., of this review; and Joseph.

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JOHN G. LANE



MRS. JOHN G. LANE

Peter N. Lane attended the common schools in pursuit of an education and remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. At that time he started out as an agriculturist on his own account by renting a tract of land, in the cultivation of which he was busily engaged for a number of years. Subsequently he purchased a portion of the old homestead farm, thus coming into possession of ninety-two acres of land on section 23, Wapsinonoc township. The operation of that property claimed his attention during the remainder of his active business career, his well directed labors eventually winning him the competence which now enables him to live retired.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Lane has supported the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. He has resided in Muscatine county from his birth to the present time and has gained the regard and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact by reason of his well spent and upright life.

GEORGE W. WILL.

Living in Moscow township, Muscatine county, where his father located in the pioneer days, George W. Will enjoys many advantages of which the old settlers little dreamed. He owns a beautiful farm, supplied with modern facilities and within easy access of the nearest railroad stations, which are reached over good roads, thus leaving little to be desired as to market facilities. As he engages in both agriculture and stock-raising, he is in a position of independence greatly longed for by those who regard farming as the ideal life of man.

He was born on the farm where he now lives July 15, 1862, a son of George and Anna Margaret (Kurtz) Will. The father was a native of Germany and came to the United States with his parents in 1836, the family locating in Muscatine county, Iowa. Here he found work in various lines, principally in operating a horse power threshing machine, his duties requiring him to continue with the machine during the entire winter. The old chaff piler was then in use, the chaff and wheat being thrown inside of a rail pen and the wheat separated later with a fanning mill. When the family settled in this county there were no grist-mills near and the corn for family use was ground in the coffee mill. By diligence and economy Mr. Will became very successful as a farmer and was recognized as one of the prosperous men of Wilton township. He gave his support to the democratic party and for a number of years served as trustee of the township. In religious views he adhered to the Lutheran church, to which he was a liberal contributor. He was one of the men who established the church of that denomination at Moscow, Iowa. He lived to an advanced age, departing this life in 1897. The mother of our subject was also a native of Germany, coming to the United States with her brother after she grew up. She was married to Mr. Will in Muscatine county and now makes her home with her son George W., at the age of seventy-nine years. Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Will two are now living: George W., and John H., a farmer who resides near Nichols Station, Iowa. The two eldest died in infancy and the third at the age of nine months. Christ N. and Frank W. passed away after arriving at maturity.

George W. Will was reared upon the home farm and under his father became thoroughly acquainted with the duties pertaining to the vocation to which he has devoted his life. After the death of his father he became manager of the farm and during the fourteen years that have elapsed has made many improvements. He is now the owner of four hundred acres of valuable land in Moscow township, which he cultivates along well approved lines, and he also handles graded stock quite extensively.

In 1889 Mr. Will was united in marriage, in Bloomington township, Muscatine county, to Miss Kate L. Schmidt, who was born in Chicago, May 8, 1870, and was an infant at the time of the great fire, the parents and child narrowly escaping with their lives by fleeing from their home. One child, who died at the age of two years, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Will.

Politically a democrat, Mr. Will gives his staunch support to the party and served for five years with general acceptance as trustee of his township. He and his family are earnest members of the Lutheran church and willing workers in every cause that seeks to promote the permanent welfare of those with whom they are associated. He is a man of laudable ambition and enterprise, as is to be noted in the neat and prosperous appearance of his farm and the commodious home provided with all desirable comforts and elegancies of life. Kindly in disposition and hospitable to a degree unknown in crowded communities, he has a host of friends and well-wishers in a county where he has been known from his boyhood.

JOHN L. SMITH.

The agricultural development of the country has been due to the energy and enterprise of men like John L. Smith, now living in West Liberty, who has won his way to success by patient application and an undaunted faith in nature's resources. He has ever since his earliest recollections been connected with agricultural interests, and the lessons he learned under his father he has applied with gratifying success.

He was born in Goshen township, January 27, 1858, the son of Lak and Elizabeth (Gladstone) Smith. The father was a native of Scotland and went to Cincinnati, Ohio, at seventeen years of age. In 1868 he took up his residence in Goshen township, Muscatine county, Iowa, but died in Nebraska in 1904. The mother was born in Ireland and came with her parents to America, locating in Cincinnati, where she was married to Mr. Smith. She was called to her reward in 1890. There were seven children in the family: Jeanette, now the wife of Alonzo Keysberry, of Reinbeck, Iowa; Barbara, now Mrs. J. H. Wiker, of Dalton, Nebraska; Lizzie, now the wife of John Shanker, of Biglow, Kansas; John L., the subject of this review; Mary, the wife of J. H. Davis, of Valisca, Iowa; Agnes, now Mrs. J. E. Dennis, of Hastings, Nebraska; and E. J., who is filling a government position at Chicago, Illinois.

John L. Smith grew up under the favoring influences of a good home and received his early education in the common schools. He assisted his father upon

the farm and so continued until twenty-four years of age, when he began farming for himself in Wapsinonoc township, subsequently removing to Pike township. In 1909 he took up his residence in West Liberty as a farmer and stock-raiser and has met with a goodly measure of success, being now the owner of a well improved farm near Austin, Minnesota, and of a fine residence in West Liberty.

In 1880 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Sarah E. Wales, and by this union four children have been born: Elwood W., Edward J., Ray G. and Florence, all of whom are at home. Politically, Mr. Smith is identified with the republican party, but he makes use of his right as an American citizen to vote for any man of solid attainments and good character regardless of party. Socially, he is a valued member of the Odd Fellows lodge at West Liberty. He is recognized as absolutely trustworthy and has qualified by natural talents and experience to bring to a successful issue any undertaking that may engage his attention. In his intercourse with others he has exercised those genial qualities that win friendship and sincere regard.

ANDREW McMAHON.

Andrew McMahon, a well known farmer and stock-raiser of Wapsinonoc township, was born on the place where he still resides. His parents, Andrew and Elizabeth (McSweeney) McMahon, were both natives of Ireland. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1840, first locating in Cincinnati, Ohio, where the father followed farming. In 1857 they came to Muscatine county, Iowa, and three years later purchased the farm on which our subject resides. The cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his attention throughout the remainder of his active business career and at the time of his demise he owned a valuable farm of one hundred and ninety-six acres on section 35, Wapsinonoc township, of which Mr. McMahon of this review is one of the heirs. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belonged. When he passed away in 1902, at the age of seventy-two years, the community mourned the loss of one of its most respected and substantial citizens. His wife was called to her final rest in 1885. Their children were seven in number, as follows: William J., who is a resident of West Liberty; Mary E.; Edith L.; John Q. and Edward, who make their home in South Dakota; Elizabeth, who is deceased; and Andrew, of this review.

The last named attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and, when not busy with his text-books, assisted his father in the work of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. The pursuits of farming and stock-raising have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and he now has charge of the old homestead place. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and hogs and in both branches of his business has met with a gratifying measure of success.

Mr. McMahon is a democrat in politics but does not seek office as a reward for his party fealty. His life is in harmony with his professions as a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He enjoys a wide acquaintance in the community where he has always lived and his many good qualities have won him the esteem and high regard of a large circle of friends.

C. A. PETERS.

C. A. Peters, one of the enterprising and energetic agriculturists of Wapsinonoc township, devotes his attention to the operation of an excellent farm of two hundred and twenty acres. His birth occurred in Center county, Pennsylvania, on the 21st of March, 1863, his parents being Lawrence and Caroline (Turner) Peters, who were likewise natives of the Keystone state. They came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1865, locating on a farm in Wapsinonoc township, where the father spent the remainder of his life. His demise occurred in July, 1907, and thus the community lost one of its representative agriculturists and esteemed citizens. His widow, who now makes her home in West Liberty, has gained many friends during her long residence in this county. She was the mother of five children, as follows: C. A., of this review; Ina, the wife of Fred Wolf, of Wapsinonoc township; Wilbur, who is a resident of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Lillie, who is the widow of P. R. Harden and makes her home at West Liberty; and Clyde, who is deceased.

C. A. Peters, who was but two years of age when brought to this county by his parents, here attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. When a youth of sixteen he left the parental roof and went to Chicago, working in the western metropolis for three years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Muscatine county but at the end of two years made his way to Pennsylvania, where he worked in a logging camp for some time. On again returning to this county he devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land for two years. At the end of that time he once more went to Pennsylvania for his bride, whom he brought with him to Muscatine county, the young couple beginning their domestic life on a rented farm here. After a few years he took up his abode on the old homestead farm in Wapsinonoc township, a valuable property comprising two hundred and twenty acres, which he has since operated with good success. The fields indicate his careful supervision and practical methods, bringing forth rich crops which are a merited reward for his labor.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Peters chose Miss Elda N. Hoover, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Christie and Margaret (Shipley) Hoover, who were born in Pennsylvania and England respectively. They established their home in Minnesota, where Mrs. Hoover passed away in 1867. Subsequently Christie Hoover returned to the Keystone state, where his demise occurred in 1907, when he had attained the venerable age of eighty-eight years. Mrs. Peters, who was one of two daughters born unto her parents, is a graduate of the State Normal School of Pennsylvania and followed the profession of teaching in that state for twelve years. Believing that a good

education is the best preparation for the practical and responsible duties of life, she and her husband are giving their children all the advantages possible in this direction. Their children are as follows: Margaret Caroline and Bessie Ina, who are attending the high school at West Liberty; Beatrice L., who is also attending school in West Liberty; Theodocia; and Lawrence C.

Following in his father's political footsteps, Mr. Peters supports the men and measures of the democracy. At the present time he is serving as president of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 190 at West Liberty. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, to which his wife also belongs. At all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilities that have devolved upon him in every relation of life and therefore well merits the esteem and good will which are uniformly accorded him.

JOHN C. NICHOLS.

Muscatine county does not owe its high standing exclusively to the labors of men attracted from other sections of the state or country, for many of its leading citizens were born in this country and have devoted the principal years of their lives to the upbuilding of this region. John C. Nichols, a well known business man of West Liberty, is a native of Muscatine county who has contributed his full share toward its material development. He was born near West Liberty, August 26, 1867, a son of Phineas and Martha (Gibson) Nichols. The father was one of several brothers who came to Muscatine in the early days and passed the remainder of his life in Wapsinonoc township on a farm five miles west of West Liberty. He was a man of the highest honor and integrity and a leader in the community, becoming not only one of its most successful farmers but also vice president of the Peoples Bank. Politically he gave his support to the republican party. Both he and his wife have passed away and were laid to rest in Oakridge cemetery. Mrs. Nichols was a native of Muscatine county and a woman of many admirable characteristics. There were six children in the family: J. P., deceased, Mrs. Albert Whitacre, Mrs. J. E. Sanders, John C., Mrs. Rosetta Muckey and Mrs. J. C. Wolfe, twins.

John C. Nichols received his preliminary education in the district schools, later attending the Iowa City Commercial College, where he gained a practical knowledge which assisted him very greatly in the course of his business affairs. He began farming upon his own account upon a place just over the county line in Johnson county, but after one year returned to Wapsinonoc township, where he devoted his attention to agricultural pursuits until July 9, 1909, when he entered the hardware business in West Liberty, which is conducted under the firm name of Eves & Nichols. The firm carries a full line of hardware, tinware, stoves and furnaces and enjoys a large and growing patronage. Mr. Nicholas is the owner of eighty-five acres of land which is outside of the city limits, and also of a handsome residence and five acres on Columbus street. He is a stockholder and director of the Peoples Bank.

On the 1st of January, 1888, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage to Miss Sadie E. Hall, a native of Johnson county, and five children have blessed their union: Hazel B., now a student at Drake University; Zona S., a teacher of the schools of eastern Iowa; Phineas, who is twelve years of age and is attending the public schools; Elinor, nine years of age; and Gladys, aged seven.

Mr. Nichols gives his support to the republican party and as a patriotic citizen served in a most satisfactory manner as a member of the city council. He has been active in advancing the affairs of the community and is a member of the building committee for the construction of the new opera house, also president of the Agricultural Society, which includes parts of Muscatine, Johnson and Cedar counties. This society was organized forty-five years ago and his father was one of its active promoters, being for a number of years its vice president. Mr. Nichols socially is identified with the Knights of Pythias and he and his wife are valued members of the Presbyterian church. A man of unusual enterprise and public spirit, he has gained many friends and is justly regarded as a highly useful citizen of broad sympathies and one who possesses a clear comprehension of the possibilities of West Liberty and vicinity.

FRANK WARFIELD.

Frank Warfield is a representative of one of the old families of Muscatine and has himself been a resident of this city for more than six decades, during which period the village has been transformed into a metropolitan center with extensive manufacturing, commercial and industrial interests. His birth here occurred December 30, 1849, and he is now well known as a prominent and successful factor in real-estate circles. He was one of the five children of David R. and Johanna (Steenbergen) Warfield. The former was a son of Launcelot Warfield, a native of Maryland and of English lineage. He was a Methodist preacher and death came to him while he was standing in the pulpit proclaiming the words of the gospel. He was twice married, his first union being with a Miss Robertson, and David R. Warfield was their only child. He was born in Maryland, where he remained until early manhood, and then left that state for Iowa, making his way in 1837 to Muscatine, then the little village of Bloomington. Here he engaged in the real-estate business and also erected the first sawmill ever built in this county. He also built the first Congregational church, known as the old "Sternwheel" Congregational church. Farming and the raising of fine stock claimed his attention part of the time, and all of his business affairs were carefully, systematically and successfully conducted. He bred many fine horses, among them being Kirkwood, which at one time was the fastest trotting stallion in the world with a record of 2:24. Mr. Warfield was the owner of slaves while living in Maryland but freed his bondsmen when he left that state. He died upon his home farm in Bloomington township, April 23, 1872, at the age of fifty-five years. A part of the old homestead now lies within the corporation limits of Muscatine. He was a major in the first organization of the State Militia of Iowa and in many ways left the impress of his individuality and ability upon the

early life and progress of Muscatine county. His wife survived him for about three years, passing away January 8, 1875, at the age of fifty-six years. Both were members of the Congregational church. Mrs. Warfield was born in Ohio and was a daughter of Charles and Luvica (Lucas) Steenberg. Her father was a native of Virginia and his father was a German consul from Holland. Charles Steenberg followed farming as a life work and died in Chillicothe, Ohio. His wife was a sister of Iowa's first governor. They had a family of five daughters, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Mary, Johanna and Luvica. Of these Johanna became the wife of David R. Warfield, the marriage being celebrated in Muscatine in a little frame house that stood on the lot where the Reinemund dry-goods store is now located, and the bride was given away by her uncle, Governor Lucas. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Warfield were born five children: Alice, the deceased wife of Daniel Hayes; George, who died in August, 1909; Frank, of this review; Charles L., of San Diego, California; and one who passed away in infancy.

Frank Warfield, whose name introduces this record, was reared in Muscatine and, entering the public schools, passed through consecutive grades until he became a high-school student. He afterward began clerking in the hardware store of Charles Stone and later conducted a fine stock-breeding farm east of town. He continued in that business for seventeen years, during which period he owned the celebrated stallion Attorney and also raised the mare that is mentioned in the pedigree of Minor Heir, which has recently made the championship pacing record of the world, 1:58, and is owned by the same man that owns Dan Patch. Mr. Warfield sold his breeding farm in 1900 and since that time has been engaged in the real-estate business in Muscatine. He has become thoroughly familiar with real-estate values and has negotiated many property transfers.

On the 16th of January, 1878, Mr. Warfield was married to Miss Ida Hare, who was born in Muscatine, a daughter of Colonel Abraham and Emeline (Austin) Hare. Her mother's grandfather, Captain Benjamin Barnes, was a soldier and officer of the Revolutionary war. Her maternal grandfather, Charles G. Austin, was a native of Connecticut and followed general merchandising. He married Harriet Curtiss and both died in Muscatine in 1844, during the fever epidemic. They had six children, Edward, Emeline, Lucy Ann, Charles H., William and Francis. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Warfield was Jacob Hare, a native of Ohio, who followed farming as a life work and became very wealthy through judicious speculation. At his death he left property in the city of Columbus valued at a million dollars. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Teeters and they had a family of thirteen children, including Colonel Abraham Hare, who was born in Columbus, Ohio. He wedded Emeline Austin, a native of Ravenna, Ohio, and they became early residents of Muscatine. Her father visited the city in 1837 and took up his permanent abode here in 1839, while his wife came in 1843. He died in this city in February, 1903, when more than ninety-one years of age. He had been a soldier of the Civil war and won his title by commanding the Eleventh Iowa Infantry. His wife died August 22, 1882, at the age of fifty-six years. Their family numbered six children: Austin J., Elizabeth, William P., Harriet, Ida Bell and Robert. Mrs. Warfield still owns what is known as the Colonel Hare building, the erection of which was begun by her father about 1848. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Warfield has been born a son,

Howard David, who is in the purchasing department of the Deering Plow Works of Moline. He married Miss Eva Brandenburg and they have one child, Marian Alice.

Mr. and Mrs. Warfield hold membership in the Congregational church and he gives his political support to the republican party. Theirs is a hospitable home and they have many friends in this city who entertain for them warm regard. Few are more familiar with the history of Muscatine than Mr. Warfield, who has been a witness of its growth and development through six decades. He rejoices in what has been accomplished and has always taken deep interest in everything pertaining to the general welfare.

VAN BUREN MILLS.

The Civil war was a harsh school for a young man, but from the smoke and din of battle graduated some of the most noble sons of America. On the list of faithful soldiers should be recorded the name of Van Buren Mills, for many years past a successful farmer of Muscatine county. Born in Madison county, Ohio, June 8, 1840, he is the son of David and Anna (Crisman) Mills, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of Bedford county, Pennsylvania. They removed to Ohio and located on a timber farm, where they lived in a log house until 1849, when the family went to Keokuk county, Iowa, and eighteen months later came to Muscatine county. The father entered government land in Pike township and again took up his residence in a log cabin, later occupying a comfortable farm home. Both parents died in this county. There were nine children in their family, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Amos, now deceased; Van Buren, the subject of this review; Louis, of South Dakota; Elizabeth, of Muscatine; William and Jed, deceased; Joshua, of Muscatine county; and Cordelia, deceased.

Van Buren Mills came to Iowa with his parents at the age of nine years and was reared upon the home farm, assisting in the work about the house and in the fields when not in attendance at the neighboring district school. He continued at home until twenty-one years of age and then, as the great Rebellion was in progress and the life of the nation was threatened, he offered his services in support of the Union and in July, 1861, became a member of Company A, Second Iowa Cavalry. He served with the greatest credit for three years, engaging in many of the most important battles and movements of the war. On one occasion he had his horse shot from under him, but although often exposed to the gravest dangers, he passed through the conflict unharmed and was honorably discharged and mustered out of service at Davenport, Iowa, in 1864.

After leaving the army Mr. Mills returned to Muscatine county and purchased a farm of sixty acres in Pike township, which he sold two years later, buying eighty acres in the same township, upon which he took up his permanent abode. As the years passed he purchased more land and he now owns two hundred and ninety-three acres, all of which is in Pike township, and also fourteen lots in West Liberty. He has made a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and,



MR. AND MRS. VAN BREEN MILLS

being a man of good business judgment, he succeeds where many others have failed. He has added many attractive improvements to his farm and it is one of the valuable places of the locality.

In August, 1863, Mr. Mills was united in marriage to Miss Eunice Foster, who was born in Erie county, Ohio, December 24, 1841, a daughter of Wilder and Mary (McKellep) Foster, the former of whom was a native of Vermont. There were twelve children in the Foster family, two of whom are now living. Ten children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Mills, namely: Galetta Ann, deceased; Hattie, the wife of Frank Pike of Pike township; Minnie, now Mrs. J. E. White, of Washington county; Amos J. and George J., both of Muscatine county; John L., of Pike township; Elizabeth, deceased; Cora R., now Mrs. George Conklin, of West Liberty; William, of Pike township; and Allie Wilhelmina, the wife of Albert Adams, of Pike township.

Mr. Mills is an earnest supporter of the democratic party but aside from serving as school director has taken no active part in political affairs, preferring to devote his attention to his business interests and to the general welfare of the community. He is a member of the Grand Army post at West Liberty and he and his wife are identified with the Presbyterian church. He possesses the respect of his neighbors and friends which he justly deserves on account of his high character and his excellent record as a soldier and private citizen.

J. ALBERT HYINK.

J. Albert Hyink, who conducts a retail harness shop at Nichols, has built up a profitable business in this connection. His birth occurred in Muscatine, Iowa, on the 24th of September, 1879, his parents being G. H. and Frederika (Korshot) Hyink, both of whom were natives of Winterswijk, Holland. The father was born on the 9th of August, 1836, while the mother's birth occurred in 1840. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1857, locating in New York, where their marriage was celebrated six months later. G. H. Hyink operated a rented farm in the Empire state for a few years and then came to Muscatine, Iowa, here entering the service of the S. G. Stine Lumber Company, in whose employ he continued during the remainder of his active business career. The last three years of his life were spent in honorable retirement, his demise occurring on the 5th of October, 1910. His remains were interred in the Greenwood cemetery. His widow, who still makes her home in Muscatine, has now attained the age of seventy-one years. Their union was blessed with two sons and three daughters, the record of whom is as follows: Jennie, whose birth occurred on the 29th of August, 1865, is the wife of William Van Zyl, a merchant of Muscatine. William, who was born May 1, 1867, wedded Miss Mary Swain of this county and makes his home in Muscatine. Hattie, whose natal year was 1873, gave her hand in marriage to M. Armstrong of Muscatine and died on the 5th of October, 1896, being laid to rest in the Greenwood cemetery. J. Albert, of this review, is the next in order of birth. Hattie died when but six months old.

J. Albert Hyink remained at home with his parents until twenty-four years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. At the early age of thirteen, however, he entered the employ of the Van Nostrand Saddlery Company of Muscatine as a leather cutter, remaining with that concern for seventeen years. On the expiration of that period, feeling that his capital and experience justified him in embarking in business on his own account, he opened a retail harness shop at Nichols and has since conducted the same with excellent success.

On the 1st of September, 1903, Mr. Hyink was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Borgstedt, a native of Concordia, Lafayette county, Missouri, and a daughter of Frederick and Henrietta (Kresse) Borgstedt, both of whom were born in Germany. They came to the United States at an early day, taking up their abode in Missouri, where the father passed away in February, 1893. Soon afterward the mother came to Muscatine, Iowa, where she is now living at the age of sixty-four years. Her children were fourteen in number, namely: Amos, who is deceased; John, living in Muscatine; Joseph W., who is a resident of Nichols, Iowa; William, Henry, Daniel S. and Otis, all of whom live in Muscatine; Mrs. Hyink; Lydia, the wife of Leo Barry, of Muscatine; Bertha, who is at home with her widowed mother; Samuel, who has passed away; Louis, a twin brother of Samuel, who makes his home in Muscatine; and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Hyink have one child, Clyde H., whose natal day was October 30, 1904. Two years after her marriage Mrs. Hyink fell a victim to tuberculosis and in an effort to regain her health she spent a couple of years in Salt Lake City and Denver with her husband. The change of climate proved beneficial and her trouble has not returned.

In politics Mr. Hyink is a republican but his aspirations have not been in the line of office holding. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Muscatine, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the First Baptist church of Muscatine, to which his wife also belongs. The high principles of manhood which have ever governed his dealings with his fellowmen have won for him the unqualified respect, confidence and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

HAROLD B. PHILLIPS.

Harold B. Phillips, an agriculturist residing on section 19, Wapsinonoc township, is now serving as supervisor of the county and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. His birth occurred in Goshen township, Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 23d of June, 1879, his parents being Chester and Mary F. Phillips, who are yet living, being numbered among the respected residents of West Liberty. He supplemented his preliminary education by a course of study in the high school and on attaining his majority started out as an agriculturist on his own account, renting the old homestead farm on section 19, Wapsinonoc township. The further cultivation and improvement of that property has claimed his attention continuously since and in connection with the

tilling of the soil he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income.

In 1904 Mr. Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Mamie Rhodes, who was born in Nichols, Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 14th of August, 1880. Her parents are Edward and Sarah M. (Steven) Rhodes, the former a native of Muscatine county and the latter of Taylor county, Iowa. They reared a family of four children and now reside at Ainsworth, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips are the parents of three children, namely. Hillis Reed, whose birth occurred on the 10th of April, 1905; Miriam A., who was born on the 20th of September, 1906; and Kenneth R., who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 6th of July, 1910.

Mr. Phillips exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. At the present time he is serving as supervisor of Muscatine county, proving a most capable and trustworthy public official. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Woodmen of America at West Liberty, while in religious faith he is a Presbyterian. His wife is also a member of the church of that denomination. The young couple have resided in this county throughout their entire lives and enjoy a wide and favorable acquaintance here.

JAMES D. POTTER.

At nineteen years of age James D. Potter came to Muscatine county and for forty-four years he has been a resident of West Liberty, attaining a position as one of its energetic and successful business men. He was born at Toronto, Canada, May 16, 1848, a son of John and Rebecca (Dixon) Potter, who were natives of England and Canada respectively. They were married in Canada and lived there until 1867, when they came to the United States, locating in West Liberty, Iowa. They both passed away about fourteen years ago. The father learned the tailor's trade in England and continued to follow that occupation after arriving in America. There were eleven children in the family, eight of whom are now living, five sisters of our subject now making their home in Muscatine county.

James D. Potter received his education in the schools of Canada and came with his parents to West Liberty after the close of the Civil war. He began work for farmers of the township, but not feeling inclined to devote his life to agricultural pursuits, he entered the ice and transfer business at West Liberty in 1872, later adding the coal business. He now deals exclusively in coal and ice. He owns the only ice plant in the city and also a comfortable residence in town, eighty acres of good land in Harrison county, and is a stockholder in several corporations. Being a man of genial manner and good business qualifications, he has met with a gratifying measure of success financially.

In 1874 Mr. Potter was united in marriage to Miss Abbie Palmer, who died in 1900, leaving three children: Minnie, now the wife of Dr. L. L. Posten, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Anna, the wife of Frank Weber, cashier for the

United States Express Company at New Orleans, Louisiana; and Ethel, the wife of Clyde Martin, an express agent at West Liberty.

Politically Mr. Potter is identified with the republican party, being of the insurgent element. He has taken a great interest in the success of his party and the confidence of his fellow citizens in his integrity and ability has been evidenced by his election to the city council, in which he occupied a chair for ten years. He became a Master Mason in 1872 and is connected with the lodge at West Liberty. He has many friends in this fraternal organization and by a useful and upright life has gained and earned the respect of all who know him.

ALEXANDER WILSON.

Alexander Wilson, the owner of a highly improved and valuable farm of two hundred and eighty-five acres on sections 4 and 9, Wapsinonoc township, was born in Ireland on the 3d of September, 1853, his parents being David and Eliza J. Wilson, who were likewise natives of the Emerald isle. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1858, first locating in Davenport, Iowa, while later they removed to Cedar county. Purchasing land in Muscatine county, they continued to reside here throughout the remainder of their lives, the father passing away in 1891, while the mother was called to her final rest in 1898. They were the parents of six children, as follows: James, who is deceased; Mary, the wife of A. H. Kimberley; Agnes, the wife of William Ehlers, of Austin, Minnesota; Alexander, of this review; David, who is a resident of Wapsinonoc township; and Margaret, who has passed away.

In the common schools Alexander Wilson obtained the education that fitted him for the practical and responsible duties of life. He remained with his parents until thirty years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. At that time he purchased a part of the farm on which he now resides in Wapsinonoc township. The land was nearly all covered with timber and so the trees had to be cut down and the stumps grubbed up before it was ready for the plow. The fields are now under a high state of cultivation and there are many fine improvements on the property, including a commodious and substantial residence. As his financial resources increased Mr. Wilson extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred and eighty-five acres of land on sections 4 and 9. In addition to cultivating the cereal best adapted to soil and climate he makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock and in both branches of his business has won success.

In 1883 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Doris Mohr, whose birth occurred in Germany on the 10th of December, 1858, her parents being August and Maria Mohr, likewise natives of that country. The father emigrated to the new world in 1864, locating in Scott county, Iowa, where he made his home for thirty-five years. On the expiration of that period he took up his abode in Whiteside county, Illinois, where his demise occurred in 1902, when he had attained the venerable age of eighty-five years. Unto him and his wife were born four children, two of whom still survive. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson

are the parents of six children, namely: Amos and Alexander, Jr., both at home; Agnes, the wife of Charles Tempelman, of Muscatine county; David, a student in Ames College; and George and John, who are likewise yet under the parental roof.

Mr. Wilson, who is a republican in politics, has ably served as school director and road supervisor. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has a wide acquaintance in this county and has won uniform trust and good will by reason of a life which in all of its phases has been straightforward and honorable.

ROBERT C. WAGNER.

Iowa owes much to men whose principal capital at the beginning of their career was a good strong constitution and an indomitable will. By undaunted perseverance they carved out for themselves honorable names and a competence, making them comparatively independent financially. To this class belongs Robert C. Wagner of West Liberty. He was born at South Bend, Indiana, June 21, 1850, the son of B. F. and Mary (Cissne) Wagner. The father was born in Ohio and lived for a number of years in Indiana, coming to Iowa in 1853. After spending eleven years in the northern part of Louisa county, he moved to a farm six miles west of West Liberty, where he resided until 1887, when he located in West Liberty living there until his death, which occurred in 1896. His wife was a native of Michigan, but they were married in Indiana. She departed this life at West Liberty in 1895. There were ten children in their family.

Robert C. Wagner began his early education in the district schools of Louisa county and continued his studies in the schools of Johnson county. As he grew up he assisted his father in the work of the farm and became thoroughly acquainted with the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. After arriving at maturity he began farming upon his own account in Johnson county, engaging quite extensively not only in raising the cereals but in feeding stock for the market as the years passed. He is now a large owner of western lands and also of real estate in Muscatine county. He has made his home since 1896 at West Liberty and is recognized as one of its leading business men, capable of successfully handling any enterprise in which he engages.

In 1877 Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Thedora Barnes, and two children came to bless the union: Olive, now the wife of Harry Hazlett, of West Liberty; and Mary, at home. Mr. Wagner has been a resident of Iowa since his infancy and early became identified with the interests of this state. By patient application he laid the foundation upon which he has built a fortune. He has been frank and straightforward in business dealings, never taking undue advantage of another, and has gained the respect of the entire community. Possessing a genial manner and an accommodating disposition, he has attracted friends wherever he is known. He gives his support to the

republican party, and although he has never aspired to political positions he has served most acceptably in several township offices. Fraternally, he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, and he and his wife are members of the Pythian Sisters and also of the Methodist church.

MATHIAS WILSON.

At the age of seventy-six years, Mathias Wilson looks back on a long and active career which contributed materially to the welfare of others, and also provided himself with the means by which he now enjoys a well earned rest. Born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, December 9, 1834, he is the son of David and Abigail (Swern) Wilson. The father was also a native of the Keystone state and there spent a large part of his life. In 1856 he came to West Liberty, where he lived until called away in 1887. He was a farmer in the east and continued to follow that pursuit after coming to Iowa. The mother was born in New Jersey and was married to Mr. Wilson in Pennsylvania. She passed away in 1879, her remains and later, her husband's being laid in South Prairie cemetery. There were nine children in the family: Amanda, now deceased; Mathias, of this review; John, who died in 1856; Eli, who enlisted in the Twelfth Pennsylvania Volunteers and died in the service after having been wounded at the battle of Fredericksburg; Alexander, who was a member of Company I, Eleventh Iowa Volunteers, for three years, and is now living in Texas; William R., who served for three years in the Ninth Iowa Cavalry and is living in Adams county; Rebecca R., wife of Ben Herr, of South Prairie; Mary, deceased; and Lizzie F., now Mrs. Joseph Lane of Wapsinonoc township.

Mathias Wilson was educated in the subscription schools of his native state, the public school system not then having been generally adopted. He came with the family to Iowa and began working for a farmer in Wapsinonoc township. By industry and economy he acquired a small capital, and in 1860 he purchased land in Cedar county just acrossed the line, but a year later he returned to Wapsinonoc township and bought land upon which he lived for forty years. In 1862, he offered his services to his country and became a member of Company B, Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry, serving in that regiment until the end of the war. He took part in the siege of Vicksburg and was present at Champion's Hill and many other important engagements, also participating in various movements of the Army of the West. After receiving his honorable discharge he returned to peaceful vocations and worked at the carpenter's trade in connection with farming, becoming quite successful financially. At one time he owned three hundred and twenty acres of well improved land, but he has disposed of all except forty acres. He also owns bank stock and a comfortable residence at West Liberty, in which he lives.

In 1858, Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Mosher, a sister of L. O. Mosher, sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work, and to them eight children were born: Harvey L., now living in Idaho; Mary Elsie, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Lizzie, wife of Ernest Egleston, of Post

Falls, Idaho; John Henry, of Colorado; Edward Grant, on the home place; William Carl, who died at seventeen years of age; Esther Inez, now the wife of George Anderson, a clothier of West Liberty, Iowa; and Wilbur M., who is a draftsman for the Illinois Steel Works at Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Wilson votes the republican ticket in national affairs, but locally, he votes independently, taking into consideration the character and ability of the various candidates. He cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont, and all of his sons are also ardent republicans. He has never desired public office, but for three years he served very acceptably to the people as trustee of Wapsinonoc township. A good soldier in his younger days, he has been a patriotic citizen and has contributed to the upbuilding of his township and county. Active, earnest and thoroughgoing, he is recognized as a man of the strictest integrity, who has never sought to advance his own interests to the injury of others. He is therefore justly honored by those who know him.

FREDERICK WOLF.

Frederick Wolf, the owner of two hundred and fifteen acres of rich and productive land in Wapsinonoc township, has won a gratifying measure of success in his undertaking as a farmer and stock-raiser. His birth occurred in Lyons, Iowa, on the 6th of April, 1862, his parents being Christian and Magdalena Wolf, both of whom were natives of Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States at an early day, first locating in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Subsequently they removed to Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, Mr. Wolf there conducting a shoe store until 1871, which year witnessed his arrival in Muscatine county. He took up his abode on a farm in Wapsinonoc township and was successfully engaged in its operation throughout the remainder of his active business career. At the present time he is living retired in West Liberty, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. The demise of his wife occurred in 1903. They were the parents of seven children, six of whom are yet living.

Frederick Wolf is indebted to the common schools for the educational privileges which he received in his youth. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age and then purchased a farm of his own, comprising one hundred and twenty acres of land in the eastern part of Wapsinonoc township. After operating the place for a few years he disposed of it and bought one hundred and twenty acres of the farm on which he now resides. At present his holdings embrace two hundred and fifteen acres of land in Wapsinonoc township, all under a high state of cultivation and improvement. In connection with the tilling of the soil he makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and horses, which branch of his business adds materially to his annual income. In all of his work he is progressive, keeping in touch with the trend of modern progress along agricultural lines, and his farm indicates his careful supervision and practical ideas in its well kept appearance.

On the 25th of February, 1891, Mr. Wolf was united in marriage to Miss Ina Peters, who was born in Muscatine, Iowa, on the 16th of October, 1867, her parents being Lawrence and Caroline Peters. More extended mention of her father is made on another page of this work. Unto our subject and his wife were born five children, as follows: Grant, whose natal day was March 5, 1892, and who passed away on the 28th of December of the same year; Wilbur P., born November 22, 1895, who is a high school student; Miriam, whose birth occurred on the 10th of March, 1899; Ethel, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 15th of June, 1901; and Zona, who was born August 23, 1905.

In politics Mr. Wolf has always been a staunch republican and at the present time he is serving as a school director. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community.

MERCER M. HALL.

Mercer M. Hall, who has lived retired at West Liberty since 1903, was for many years actively and successfully identified with farming interests in Muscatine county, thus winning the competence that now enables him to spend the evening of life in well earned ease. His birth occurred in Knox county, Ohio, on the 9th of May, 1831, his parents being David and Sarah (Sutton) Hall, both of whom are deceased. They had three children, two sons and a daughter, namely: Amos, a resident of Macon county, Missouri; Mercer M., of this review; and Rebecca, who has passed away.

While still an infant Mercer M. Hall was taken by his parents to Delaware county, Ohio, where he obtained his education and continued to reside until 1855. In that year he removed to Green county, Wisconsin, but at the end of twelve months came to West Liberty, Iowa, taking up a quarter section of land five miles from the town. The district was still largely undeveloped and but sparsely settled, and Mr. Hall experienced all of the privations and hardships incident to life in a pioneer community. Wishing to develop a farm, he began breaking the land, utilizing four yoke of oxen for this purpose. The weather was intensely hot and as there was no shade except that furnished by the house, the oxen, as they approached it, would crowd so closely in the small shaded spot that Mr. Hall feared they would push his little cabin over, it being constructed in the primitive manner of those early times. Wild animals were numerous in the neighborhood and it was a difficult matter to protect the turkeys and poultry from the prowling wolves. In the years which have since passed Mr. Hall has witnessed a most wonderful transformation as the evidences of pioneer life have given way before the onward march of civilization. He devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and met with a well merited measure of success in his undertakings. In 1903 he put aside the active work of the fields, disposed of his holdings and took up his abode in West Liberty, where he has since made his home with his son, J. C. Hall.



MR. AND MRS. MERCER M. HALL.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Hall chose Miss Sophia Means, of Ohio, by whom he had six children, three of whom are deceased: Ada, Burr and Harry D. Hall. J. C. Hall, one of the three surviving children, has been twice married. By his first wife he had two children, Harry W. and Sarah Bertha Hall. His present wife bore the maiden name of Belinda Harris. Elenora E. Hall is the widow of J. P. Nichols, of West Liberty, by whom she has one child, Nellie B. Sarah Elizabeth Hall wedded Clark Nichols, an agriculturist, who is now engaged in the hardware business at West Liberty.

In politics Mr. Hall is a republican, while in religious faith he is a Methodist. The period of his residence in Muscatine county covers fifty-four years and he is well and favorably known throughout the community. He has passed the seventy-ninth milestone on life's journey and can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear.

ROBERT MILLER.

Although more than two decades have passed since Robert Miller left the scene of earthly activities, he is still remembered by many of the older residents of Muscatine county as a prosperous agriculturist and representative citizen, owning at the time of his death five hundred and sixty acres of valuable land. His birth occurred in Ireland on the 15th of December, 1832, his parents being William and Mary Miller, who were likewise natives of the Emerald isle. They emigrated to the United States in 1847, first locating in West Virginia and later coming to Muscatine county, this state, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Their children were eight in number, two of whom are yet living.

Robert Miller began learning the stone mason's trade when a youth of fourteen and worked at that occupation until 1853, when he went to California in search of gold, remaining in the mines there for four years. He then returned to Virginia and after a couple of months came to West Liberty, Iowa, being here engaged in the dry-goods business for three years. On abandoning mercantile pursuits he became identified with farming interests, purchasing and locating on a tract of land in Wapsinonoc township. There he continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life and that his undertakings as an agriculturist were attended with success is indicated in the fact that at the time of his demise he had accumulated five hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he raised shorthorn cattle for fifteen years, this branch of his business adding materially to his income.

In 1859 Mr. Miller was joined in wedlock to Miss Maria Keith, who was born in Columbiana county, Ohio, on the 15th of August, 1839, her parents being Alexander and Eliza (Ball) Keith, natives of Virginia and Pennsylvania respectively. They took up their abode in this county in 1864 and here spent the remainder of their lives. They had ten children, three of whom still survive, as follows: Mrs. Miller; Ada, who is the wife of John Miller and re-

sides in California; and Mrs. Flora W. Vawter, living in Rome, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had five children, namely: Julia, now the wife of C. E. Pickering, of Des Moines, Iowa; Celeste V., who is at home with her mother; Howard W., a resident of North Dakota; Hal K., of Los Angeles, California; and Russell A., who is deceased.

Mr. Miller gave his political allegiance to the republican party, believing its principles most conducive to good government. He was a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge and the commandery. His demise, which occurred on the 2d of September, 1888, was deeply mourned by all who knew him. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his widow also belongs and in the work of which she has always taken an active and helpful part. Mrs. Miller now resides in West Liberty, owning a fine residence at No. 718 Calhoun street. She has a host of warm friends and is one of the highly respected ladies of the community.

H. C. HUCKE.

Among the large landowners of Moscow township is H. C. Huckle, who has spent nearly his entire life in this county and is known as one of its most energetic and capable citizens. He was born in Germany, January 19, 1856, and is the son of Conrad and Catherine (Glover) Huckle, both of whom were natives of Germany. The parents came to America in 1857, Mr. Huckle establishing a home in Moscow township, Muscatine county, Iowa, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1878. The mother was called away in 1889. There were nine children in their family, four of whom are now living.

H. C. Huckle grew up on the home farm, where he continued until after reaching manhood. He attended the district schools and even as a boy gave promise, by his close application to his studies and by the interest which he displayed in the work about the farm, of a useful career. After the death of his father he married and purchased the old homestead, which comprised four hundred acres on section 28, Moscow township. As his resources increased he acquired more land until he is now the owner of nine hundred and eighty acres, being one of the large landed proprietors of the county. He carries on general farming upon a large scale and makes a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs for the market. He is also identified with other interests and is now serving as president of the Muscatine & Moscow Telephone Company.

In 1878 Mr. Huckle was united in marriage to Miss Anna K. Globes, who was born in Germany, October 14, 1857. At sixteen years of age she came with her brother to America, making her home in Muscatine county. Her parents were John and Anna (Krate) Globes; both now deceased. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Huckle: Henry T., of Bloomington township, Muscatine county; Charles E., also of Muscatine county; Anna, the wife of Theodore Schuessler, of Muscatine county; Emma, now Mrs. William Freyer-muth; Lena, the wife of George Duffe and Rosa C., at home.

Mr. Hucke in the early part of his career exercised a sound judgment in business affairs which has never deserted him and today he is in a position to satisfy every reasonable desire and also to promote the comfort and happiness of others. He is straightforward and thoroughly reliable, thus gaining the confidence of the entire community. He and his estimable wife are members of the Lutheran church and politically Mr. Hucke affiliates with the democratic party. He has occupied public offices of trust and responsibility and is now serving as township trustee, having also performed his duties most acceptably as a member of the school board. One of his prominent characteristics is his adherence to whatever he believes to be right. Having made up his mind as to the justice of any course, no influence can swerve him from the line which he has deliberately adopted. It is men of this character who give stability and endurance to the state and nation.

W. G. H. INGRAM.

W. G. H. Inghram, a well known farmer and dairyman of Wapsinonoc township, owns and operates what is known as the Valley Dairy Farm, comprising one hundred and sixty-seven acres of land on section 9. His birth occurred in Greene county, Pennsylvania, on the 28th of July, 1845, his parents being Isaac S. and Malissa Inghram, who spent their entire lives in the Keystone state. They reared a family of eight children, six of whom are yet living.

W. G. H. Inghram attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and when a youth of sixteen began learning the trade of a blacksmith and carriage maker, working at that occupation in his native state until he came to Muscatine, Iowa. Here he continued working at his trade until 1876, when he purchased and located on the property whereon he has resided continuously since and which is known as the Valley Dairy Farm. It comprises one hundred and sixty-seven acres of land on section 19, Wapsinonoc township, and the many substantial improvements thereon stand as monuments to the industry and enterprise of the owner. Mr. Inghram has won success in both his farming and dairying interests and has long been numbered among the representatives and esteemed citizens of the community. He owns a half interest in a business block at West Liberty.

In 1872 Mr. Inghram was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Wiker, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1854; her parents being John and Elizabeth (Hildebrand) Wiker, likewise natives of the Keystone state. They came to Iowa in 1857 and spent the remainder of their lives on a farm in Muscatine county. John Wiker passed away on the 1st of August, 1891, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 19th of July, 1898. They were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom still survive. Mr. and Mrs. Inghram have six children, namely: Louis J., who is a resident of West Liberty; and Norman W., Isaac R., Laura May, William and Kittie, all still at home.

In politics Mr. Inghram is a republican, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. The cause of education

finds in him a warm friend and he has done effective service in its behalf as a member of the school board. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has worked earnestly and persistently and his unwearied industry constitutes a strong factor in bringing to him the return which now numbers him among the substantial residents of Wapsinonoc township.

WALTER C. WINDUS.

Walter C. Windus, the owner of a tract of one hundred and sixty acres on sections 27 and 28, Wapsinonoc township, has resided on this farm from his birth to the present time, his natal day being October 17, 1871. His parents were Thomas G. and Orpha A. (Drew) Windus, the former a native of England and the latter of New York. The father emigrated to the United States in 1850, first locating in the Empire state, where he secured employment in a shoe shop. He was there married in 1851 and continued to reside in New York until 1864, which year witnessed his arrival in Muscatine county, Iowa. Here he purchased the farm which is now in possession of our subject, being successfully engaged in its operation throughout the remainder of his active business career. His demise, which occurred at West Liberty in 1902, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had won many friends during his long residence in this county. His widow still survives and makes her home in West Liberty. They had eight children, six of whom are yet living.

Walter C. Windus was reared under the parental roof and when twenty years of age started out as an agriculturist on his own account by renting the old homestead farm. In 1902 he purchased the property, which embraces one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on sections 27 and 28, Wapsinonoc township, and in the further cultivation and improvement of which he has since been busily engaged. He keeps abreast with the most advanced ideas of modern farming and his labors are attended with gratifying results.

On the 17th of February, 1897, Mr. Windus was united in marriage to Miss Lucinda N. Metcalf, a native of Muscatine county and a daughter of Lafayette and Alice E. (Wood) Metcalf, who were born in Ohio and Indiana respectively. They came to this county in the '50s, the mother of Mrs. Windus being brought here by her parents. In 1883 Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf removed to Nebraska, where the former passed away in 1892 and the latter in 1887. Mr. Metcalf served in the Civil war for three years as a member of Company D, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and participated in many hotly contested engagements but fortunately escaped injury of any kind. Unto him and his wife were born seven children, five of whom still survive. Mr. and Mrs. Windus have two children: Blanche Estelle, whose birth occurred on the 16th of June, 1907; and Martin Clay, born January 23, 1911. They are also rearing an adopted son, Harold E., who was born on the 28th of December, 1906.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Windus has supported republican principles but has never sought office as a reward for his

party fealty. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife is also a member and in the work of which she is deeply and helpfully interested. In his agricultural interests Mr. Windus has ever followed progressive and enterprising methods and is recognized as a prosperous and public-spirited citizen of the community.

WILLIAM LESLIE WATTERS.

A successful man has been defined as one who finds within himself the resources of will and energy necessary in overcoming any obstacle that may appear. Men of this class are to be found in every occupation but nowhere are they more readily pointed out than in the business world. They are at the head of flourishing enterprises and command the respect not only of their business associates but of the community generally. William Leslie Watters, who is conducting a lucrative drug business at West Liberty, is entitled to a place in the class here named. Born on a farm in Goshen township, September 30, 1873, he is a son of H. B. and Ruth H. (Parker) Watters, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

He was educated in the schools of Atalissa, Iowa, and continued at home until twenty-one years of age. In the meantime, having decided to prepare for a business career, he became a student of the Iowa City Academy, from which he was graduated in 1894. The following year he took up the study of pharmacy at the State University, continuing for one year, at the end of which time he became a clerk at Orion, Illinois, later serving in the same capacity at Montezuma, Iowa. After acquiring the necessary funds he resumed work at the university and was graduated from the pharmaceutical department with the degree of Ph. G. in 1897. In 1898 he purchased an interest in a drug store at Wellman, Iowa, associating in partnership with Jesse Longwell under the firm name of Longwell & Watters. He continued at Wellman for ten years and then disposed of his interest to his partner, and on March 1, 1907, bought the drug store of C. E. Pickering at West Liberty. He carries Rexall stock and, by close attention to business and knowledge of the wants of his customers, has acquired a large and growing patronage. He is the owner of his store building and he just completed the erection of his beautiful modern home, one of the most attractive residences in this part of the country, which displays a taste that reflects high credit upon the architect and the owner.

In February, 1898, Mr. Watters was united in marriage to Miss Mayme McIntosh, daughter of A. G. McIntosh, of Atalissa, and sister of Attorney McIntosh, of West Liberty. Two children have blessed this union, namely: Howard Alexander, who was born September 5, 1900; and Hilda Mabelle, who was born May 14, 1906.

Mr. Watters is a valued member of the State Pharmaceutical Association and also belongs to the Iowa State University Alumni Association. He holds membership in the Masonic lodge at West Liberty, having been made a Mason in

1904, while he was living at Wellman, and he is a great admirer of the beautiful teachings of that beneficent order. He gives his support to the republican party, and while he has not sought political honors, preferring to devote his energies to private affairs, he has served with acceptance in several town offices. He has clearly demonstrated his ability as a business man of fine qualifications and is greatly esteemed in a community where he is well known, thoroughly meriting the high regard in which he is held by his associates and by all who know him.

EDWIN LANE.

Edwin Lane, one of the worthy native sons of Wapsinonoc township, has followed farming and stock-raising throughout his entire business career, now cultivating a quarter section of land on section 23. His birth occurred on the 19th of November, 1865, his parents being William S. and Sarah (Hunter) Lane, the former a native of West Virginia and the latter of Pennsylvania. William S. Lane came to Muscatine county in 1839 and here continued to reside throughout the remainder of his life save for a period of eighteen months which he spent in California during the gold excitement about 1850. He was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and gained an extensive circle of warm friends during the long period of his residence here. He was called to his final rest on the 4th of August, 1896, having long survived his first wife, who passed away on the 28th of November, 1865. Unto them were born four children, as follows: Henry C., living in West Liberty; Fred H., who makes his home in California; John F., who was accidentally shot when a youth of sixteen; and Edwin, of this review. For his second wife the father married Rosanna Wilkins, a native of Pennsylvania, by whom he had four children, one of whom died in infancy. The others are Nettie B., Maude E. and Blanch W.

Edwin Lane was reared under the parental roof and acquired his education in the common schools. When not busy with his text-books he assisted in the operation of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. After his father's demise he took charge of the place, operating it for nine years or until 1905, when he located on a farm of his own which he had purchased in the meantime. It embraces one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 23, Wapsinonoc township, and has been brought under a high state of cultivation and improvement by the owner. Mr. Lane carries on the work of tilling the soil and also raises and feeds stock and his business interests are so carefully managed that annually his sales of grain and stock return to him a good financial reward for his labor.

On the 11th of January, 1905, Mr. Lane was united in marriage to Miss Nora Markley, who was born in West Liberty, Iowa, on the 29th of February, 1872, her parents being Alex and Sarah (Harry) Markley, natives of Ohio. They took up their abode among the early residents of Muscatine county, Iowa, and here Mr. Markley made his home until called to his final rest in February, 1907.

His widow, who still survives, yet makes her home in this county. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are now living. Mrs. Lane, who is a graduate of the high school at West Liberty, taught school for several years prior to her marriage. She is now the mother of two children, namely: Mildred, whose birth occurred on the 11th of March, 1906; and Erwin, whose natal day was September 24, 1909.

Mr. Lane is a staunch republican in politics, supporting the men and measures of that party by his ballot. He is now serving as a trustee and has held that office for ten years. The cause of education also is furthered by his efforts as a school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to lodge No. 190 at West Liberty, in which he has filled all of the chairs. His wife is a devoted and consistent member of the Christian church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lane have spent their entire lives in Muscatine county and are widely and favorably known within its borders.

LESTER A. ROYAL, M. D.

The professional fields present attractive inducements to young men of ambition and talent who are willing to labor earnestly in preparation for the severe ordeal which is inevitable upon entering an active career. The candidate who is well prepared and who also has sound judgment and good staying qualities seldom fails to win, and it is to this number that Dr. Lester A. Royal evidently belongs.

Born in Tolland county, Connecticut, April 10, 1884, he is a son of Lewis E. and Laura A. (Hunt) Royal. The father, a native of Massachusetts, came to Des Moines in the fall of 1886 and after living for a time in Isabella county, Michigan, returned to Des Moines in 1900 and has since been engaged in the practice of law as a member of the firm of Royal & Royal. In the fall of 1910 he was a candidate upon the democratic ticket for district judge. He is recognized as a thorough lawyer and a man of unimpeachable integrity. On the maternal side the family has traced its ancestry to Sir Francis Drake, of the time of Queen Elizabeth, the first English commander who saw the Pacific. Five children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Royal: Mary, now the wife of Ralph Tracey, a Pullman conductor; Lester A., our subject; Clifton D. B., now engaged in the practice of law with his father as junior member of the firm of Royal & Royal; and Marvia and Gerald A., both at home, the latter attending the high school.

Lester A. Royal received his preliminary education in the Mount Pleasant high school and later was a student at the Central State Normal School of Michigan. He took up the study of homeopathy in the medical department of the State University at Iowa City, where he continued from 1902 to 1906, attaining high standing as one of the most capable students in the class. After receiving the degree of M. D. he had the advantage of one year's work in the hospital at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, and then came to West Liberty, where

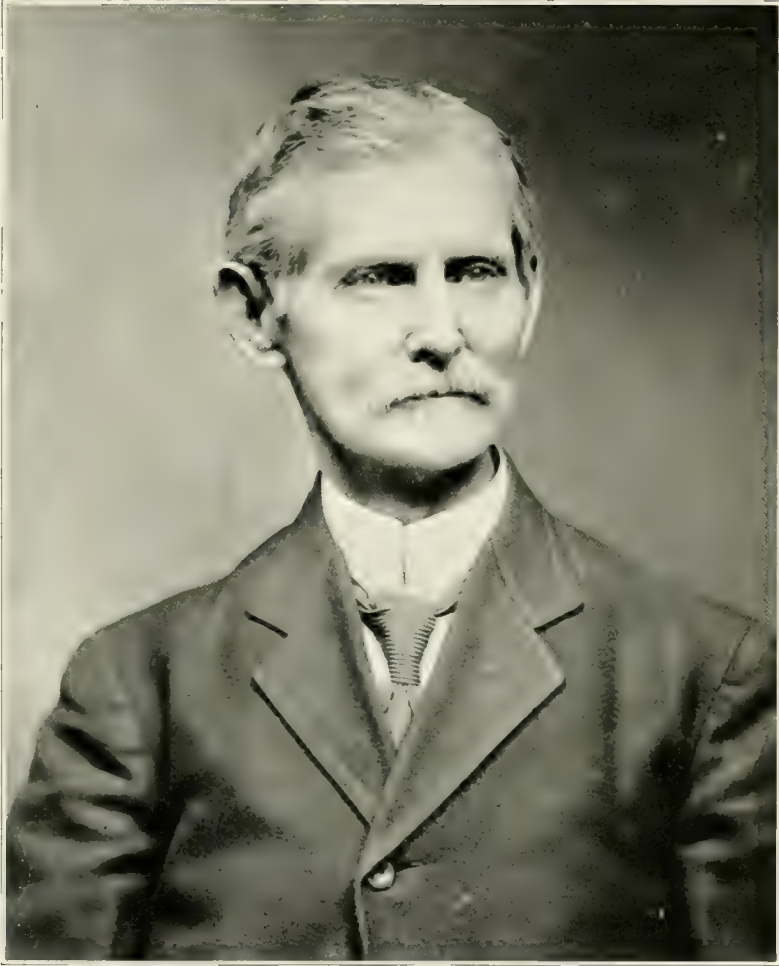
he has since engaged in general practice. He is assistant to the chair of surgery at the State University and visits that institution once each week. Thoroughly interested in everything pertaining to the profession, he is vice president of the Central Iowa Homeopathic Medical Association, a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy and of the Hahnemann Medical Association of Iowa.

In 1909 Dr. Royal was united in marriage, at Iowa City, to Miss Pauline Swisher. While attending college Dr. Royal joined the Phi Alpha Gamma fraternity, and he is also a member of the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Rebekahs and the Rathbone Sisters, all of West Liberty. He stands well as a man and citizen and has many warm friends in West Liberty and vicinity, who have been attracted to him by his genial social qualities. Politically he is a loyal supporter of the republican party, believing that by giving to its candidates his support he is best advancing the permanent interests of the country. The skill and success with which he has treated difficult cases speaks in high terms of his judgment and gives bright promise for a life of great usefulness.

EDWARD W. CLARK.

There is no doubt that Edward W. Clark, the veteran editor of the Wilton Advocate, is entitled to the title of pioneer. From his earliest recollection he has been a resident of Iowa, having lived in this state seventy-five years. He was born near Florid, Putnam county, Illinois, August 15, 1835, a son of Timothy T. and Lucy Clark, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The father came west in 1834 and spent two years near the Illinois river in Putnam county, Illinois. He removed to the Iowa purchase September 1, 1836, locating on a claim in Muscatine county, one mile north of Moscow. He passed away August 3, 1847, the beloved wife and mother dying at Wilton, Iowa, December 18, 1893. On the paternal side the subject of this review comes from Revolutionary stock, his great-grandfather having served as captain of Minute Men at the time of the war between the colonies and the mother country.

Edward W. Clark received his early education in the common schools of the '40s and early '50s, the principal subject taught being reading, spelling and arithmetic, although a little geography and grammar were occasionally introduced as advanced studies. In 1848 he moved with his mother and three sisters to Muscatine, which at that time was called Bloomington, and at the age of sixteen began learning the printer's trade. He completed his apprenticeship in 1854 after three years of active work, receiving for his labor his board and clothes and also one suit of clothes after completing his part of the contract. In 1858 he went to Tipton, Iowa, where he worked in the Advertiser office, purchasing an interest in the paper in 1863. In August, 1869, he accepted an appointment to the railway mail service on the road between Davenport and Council Bluffs. At this time the distribution of mail was first established on railway lines. He continued at this work until November 1, 1893, when he resigned, taking charge in December of the same year of the publication of the



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Wilton Advocate. In 1899 he purchased the Review and consolidated the two papers, being still actively engaged in a calling for which he is eminently adapted both by natural ability and many years of experience.

Mr. Clark is a widower with three children—two daughters and one son, Charles S., who is now editor and manager of the Grain Dealers' Journal of Chicago. During his long and active career Mr. Clark has had many thrilling experiences and has lived to see peace and harmony restored to a land that for years was torn with dissensions. At the time of the Civil war he was a member of the Home Guards at Tipton, the guards being called out three times to quell the troubles threatened by the "Knights of the Golden Circle." The latter consisted of a company fully organized and armed with sixteen-shooters. In 1864 the organization outnumbered the Union men two to one in Cedar county. Mr. Clark was an active supporter of Abraham Lincoln for president in 1860 and ever since that time has been an unswerving advocate of the republican party. As an editor he has stanchly supported the interests of Muscatine county and today he is one of its most honored citizens.

WILLIAM S. POOLE.

William S. Poole, a retired agriculturist of Wapsinonoc township, is the owner of a farm which has been in his possession and on which he has resided continuously for the past forty-seven years. The property embraces one hundred and sixty-three acres of land on section 27 and is well improved in every particular. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 30th of March, 1835, his parents being Micajah and Rebecca (Ralson) Poole, who were natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively. They took up their abode in Indiana at an early day and in 1835 removed to Lee county, Iowa, where the father entered a tract of land and erected a log cabin. The little dwelling was one of those primitive structures characteristic of pioneer days and was destitute of both a floor and door, but it served the family as a home for some time. Mr. Poole maintained his residence in Lee county for eighteen years, on the expiration of which period he went to Van Buren county, Iowa, but later returned to Lee county and then back to Van Buren county, where his remaining days were spent. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, five of whom still survive.

Owing to the unsettled condition of the country in which his youth was passed, William S. Poole received only a limited education but reading, experience and observation have constantly augmented his knowledge until he is now a well informed man. When eighteen years of age he started out in life for himself with a cash capital of but one dollar. For four years he worked as a farm hand and then began the operation of a rented farm in Muscatine county, being thus busily engaged for six years. At the end of that time, in 1864, he has accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to invest in land of his own, coming into possession of the farm of one hundred and sixty-three acres in Wapsinonoc township whereon he has resided continuously since. The buildings and other improvements which adorn the property are all of a substantial

and up-to-date character and everything about the place indicates the supervision of a practical and progressive owner. The many large and beautiful trees which so greatly enhance the attractiveness of Mr. Poole's home were all planted by his own hand. His agricultural interests have been attended with a gratifying measure of success and he has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of the community. That he is still quite active for a man of his years is indicated in the fact that he husked fifty bushels of corn daily during the fall of 1910. Though now almost seventy-six years of age, he has never suffered from a day's illness in his life.

In 1854 Mr. Poole was united in marriage to Miss Julia A. Philips, who was born in Virginia on the 15th of August, 1836, her parents being A. B. and Eliza J. Philips, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this work. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Poole were born seven children, as follows: Milborn S., who is a resident of Oklahoma City; Emmett A., living in Muscatine county; Laura J., the wife of J. D. Moore, of Cripple Creek, Colorado; N. E., of Van Buren county, Iowa; Willis E, who is still at home; Kate, who is deceased; and Rebecca, who is also yet with her father. The wife and mother passed away on the 25th of March, 1908, her remains being interred in the Oakridge cemetery.

Mr. Poole is a democrat in politics and has served as a school director for two terms but has never sought official preferment in any other direction. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife also belonged. Well known throughout this part of the county, he has many friends who esteem him for his genuine personal worth.

ALBERT A. AIKINS.

For eleven years past Albert A. Aikins has been making his home at West Liberty, having previously engaged with marked success in farming. He stands very high in the estimation of all who know him, as his life has been governed by principles of the strictest integrity, and the confidence he has inspired is the result of genuine personal worth.

Born in Morgan county, Ohio, January 23, 1849, he is the son of Edmund W. and Mary D. (Cope) Aikins. The father was also a native of Morgan county, Ohio, continuing to live there until 1853, when he removed with his family to Illinois. In 1856 he came to Cedar county, Iowa, and located on a farm northeast of West Liberty, which he cultivated with a goodly measure of success, being called from earthly scenes in 1895. The ancestors of the family on the paternal side were of Scotch-Irish descent and came from the north of Ireland to this country at the time of the Revolutionary war. The mother of our subject was born in Harrison county, Ohio, and was married to Mr. Aikins in Morgan county, Ohio. She was called to her reward in the same year as her husband and their remains now repose side by side in Oakridge cemetery at West Liberty.

Albert A. Aikins, the only child of his parents, came with them to Iowa at seven years of age. He was educated in the common schools and at a seminary acquired a thorough knowledge of the fundamental branches which gave him a fair start in the great school of the world. He early showed a natural inclination for agricultural pursuits and as his father's health declined took charge of the work upon the home farm, which he carried forward most successfully. Since 1900 he has lived retired at West Liberty. He was the owner of two hundred and forty acres of well improved land but has disposed of his farm, making investments elsewhere. He was one of the organizers of the Iowa State Bank at West Liberty and is a member of the board of directors of the Citizens Savings Bank. He and his family occupy a beautiful home, which is provided with all desirable modern conveniences.

In 1872 Mr. Aikins was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Buckman, a native of Baltimore county, Maryland, and four children have been born to them: Charles L., now a farmer of Cedar county; Irwin, cashier of the Citizens Savings Bank of West Liberty; Ethel A., now the wife of Lewis Whitaker, of West Liberty; and Raymond A., a railway mail clerk.

Mrs. Aikins is a daughter of Phineas Buckman, who was born in Anne Arundel county, Maryland, April 2, 1819, a son of Phineas and Catherine (Shreve) Buckman, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Montgomery county, Maryland. The father was born in 1760 and the mother in 1765. They were both members of the Society of Friends. Of their family five children grew to maturity, namely: Maria, who married Mahlon Gibson, both now deceased; Charles, who died in Cedar county, Iowa, in 1883, leaving a wife and five children; William Penn, who died in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1854; Phineas, and Thomas M., deceased. The father departed this life in 1836, the mother having been called away in 1831. William Buckman, the founder of the family in America, came to this country from England with William Penn in the vessel *Welcome*, in 1682, and members of the family may now be found in the principal states of the Union.

Phineas Buckman was educated in the common schools of Baltimore county and after laying his books aside learned the miller's trade. On the 7th of December, 1844, he was married to Miss Cynthia Roberts, who was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, in December, 1817, a daughter of Jonathan and Wilhelmina (Bouzer) Roberts, both natives of Pennsylvania and members of the Society of Friends. The father died in 1840 and the mother in 1865. In 1855 Mr. Buckman came to Muscatine county, Iowa, and purchased eighty acres of land in Goshen township, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1891. He was one of the pioneers of this section and passed through many of the trying experiences incident to the early days. He became the owner of a beautiful farm of three hundred and eighty-four acres which he acquired through his indomitable energy and perseverance and became recognized as one of the most respected men of the community. His estimable wife was called from earthly scenes in 1901. There were four children in their family: Charles E., now the owner of a farm of one hundred and seventy-two acres in Muscatine county; Oliver H., who was graduated from the engineering department of the State University at Iowa City and in 1877 removed to

California, where he has since engaged with pronounced success in Civil engineering; Catherine, now the wife of Albert A. Aikins; and Annie W., who married James A. Irwin, a well known farmer of Goshen township.

Politically Mr. Aikins is allied with the republican party. He has never sought public office but served very acceptably as township trustee. Socially he is connected with the Masonic lodge at West Liberty. He and his estimable wife are valued members of the Presbyterian church and by their genial qualities have attracted a host of friends and well-wishers. Mr. Aikins has passed the age of three score years and is accorded the respect to which a man of unblemished character is entitled. He bears a name that has ever been a synonym for integrity and honor.

JEREMIAH GREINER.

During almost a half century Jeremiah Greiner was identified with the agricultural interests of Muscatine county and a life of honorable labor resulted in the accumulation of extensive landholdings comprising several hundred acres, which property is still in possession of the family. Mr. Greiner was highly respected for his many sterling qualities, so that his death, which occurred on the 20th of March, 1892, was the occasion of deep regret to his numerous friends and acquaintances, as well as to the members of his own household.

Mr. Greiner was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1818, an only child of John and Barbara Greiner, who were likewise natives of Dauphin county. In 1843 Miss Elizabeth Hershey became his wife. She was born in Marietta, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, October 13, 1823, a daughter of Christian and Margaret (Flint) Hershey, who were likewise natives of Lancaster county. They died in the same year of typhoid fever, aged respectively twenty-five and twenty-three years, leaving two children, the brother of Mrs. Greiner being Dr. Christian Hershey, who for many years practiced medicine in Muscatine, his death occurring at that place, March 9, 1869, at the age of forty-four years.

Seeking the broader opportunities of the west, in 1854 Mr. Greiner came to Muscatine county, settling on land which was then in its wild state. With ox teams he broke the raw prairie and prepared the fields for cultivation, which in due time yielded splendid crops. He became the owner of six hundred and forty acres, located on section 3, Bloomington township and in addition to this tract his family now owns farm land elsewhere in the county—almost one thousand acres. In 1855 he erected a fine home, built in colonial style of architecture, which still stands and is yet classed among the fine residences of the county. Mr. Greiner made many other improvement on the place and his land was brought to a fine state of productiveness, so that it is today one of the most valuable farms in the township. He was long an active factor in Muscatine county, his labors not only contributing to his individual success but also to the upbuilding and improvement of the community in which he so long made his home.

In early life Mr. Greiner gave his political support to the whig party but upon the organization of the republican party he espoused its principles and to the time of his death was one of its staunch supporters. He was a well read man, keeping thoroughly informed on the important questions of the day, so that he was not only able to support his principles by intelligent argument but was as well an entertaining companion. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the United Brethren church, of which he was a generous supporter, and always took an active part in the various departments of church work. His death occurred March 20, 1892, when he was seventy-three years of age, and he was survived by his wife for five years, her death occurring May 12, 1897, when she was seventy-three years old.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Greiner were born the following children: Benjamin, who resides in Moscow township; William, in Bloomington township; Christian, who lives at the old home; Abram, in San Antonio, Texas; Elizabeth, who resides on the home place with her brother Christian; and Anna, who died in infancy. The family is a most prominent one of the locality and the part which the father took in the early development and progress here is still continued by the sons, who fully sustain the reputation which has always been borne by members of the Greiner family.

HENRY J. BOLDT.

Henry J. Boldt, busily engaged in the pursuits of farming and stock-raising, is the owner of tract of one hundred and fifty-three acres of arable land on section 26, Wapsinonoc township. His birth occurred in Germany on the 28th of October, 1879, his parents being William and Sophia (Hartz) Boldt, who were likewise natives of that country. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1884 and, coming direct to Muscatine county, Iowa, took up their abode at Wilton Junction, where they remained for five years. On the expiration of that period they removed to West Liberty, where they resided until 1895, when Mr. Boldt purchased and located on a farm. In 1910 he disposed of the property and returned to West Liberty, where he is now enjoying well earned ease. His wife was called to her final rest in July, 1909. Unto them were born eight children, namely: John and Henry J., twins; Cuna, who is a resident of Madison county, Iowa; Lena L., the wife of Chester Beach, of West Liberty; Emma, who is the wife of John Marquette and resides in Colorado; Rudolph and Charles, who are deceased; and one who died in infancy.

Henry J. Boldt attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and when a youth of sixteen began working as a farm hand, being thus employed until he was married at the age of twenty-five years. Following that important event in his life he rented a part of the farm which is now in possession of himself and his wife and which embraces one hundred and fifty-three acres of land on section 26, Wapsinonoc township. The property is lacking in none of the conveniences and improvements of a model farm of the twentieth century and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a

reward for the care and labor which is bestowed upon them. In connection with the tilling of the soil Mr. Boldt raises and feeds cattle, hogs and sheep, finding this also a profitable undertaking.

In 1904 Mr. Boldt was united in marriage to Miss Blanche Lane, who was born in Muscatine county on the 28th of September, 1882, her parents being William and Rosanna (Wilkins) Lane. More extended mention of her father is made on another page of this work. Mr. and Mrs. Boldt have two children, namely: Vernon W., whose natal day was September 30, 1905; and Cecil Edwin, who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 26th of October, 1907.

Fraternally Mr. Boldt is identified with the Masons, belonging to Lodge No. 95 at West Liberty, in which he has filled some of the chairs. He is also a member of Camp No. 3855 of the Modern Woodmen of America and of Lodge No. 190 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having filled all of the chairs in the latter. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife also belongs. The period of his residence in Muscatine county covers more than a quarter of a century and he has gained an enviable reputation as one of its substantial agriculturists and esteemed citizens.

GEORGE KELCH.

George Kelch, who has lived retired in West Liberty for the past nine years, was long and successfully identified with agricultural pursuits in this part of the state. His birth occurred in Germany on the 20th of February, 1831, his parents being Nicholas and Katherine Kelch, who were likewise natives of that country. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1834, locating at Westfield, New Jersey, where they continued to reside for about forty years. On the expiration of that period they removed to Cedar county, Iowa, and there spent the remainder of their lives. Unto them were born nine children, seven of whom are yet living.

George Kelch, who was but three years of age when brought to this country by his parents, obtained his education in the common schools of New Jersey. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority and then began providing for his own livelihood, working as a farm hand for ten years. In 1865 he came to Iowa, purchasing and locating on a farm in Cedar county which he operated until 1902, when he put aside the active work of the fields and took up his abode in West Liberty, where he has since lived in honorable retirement. He owns a fine residence at No. 419 Third street and still has eighty acres of valuable farm land.

In March, 1854, Mr. Kelch was united in marriage to Miss Georgiana Pier, a native of New Jersey, by whom he had seven children, as follows: Mary J., the wife of B. A. Conklin, of Cedar county, Iowa; Carrie, the wife of Henry Rumels, of Johnson county, Iowa; Albert, who is a resident of Illinois; Frank and John, who make their home in Cedar county; and George and Anna M., both of whom are deceased.

Mr. Kelch is a stanch democrat in politics but has never sought office as a reward for his party fealty. He has now reached the eightieth milestone on life's journey and is spending his declining years in the enjoyment of well earned ease, respected and esteemed by all who know him.

E. H. HILDEBRAND.

E. H. Hildebrand, who has been successfully engaged in farming throughout his entire business career, is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land on section 30, Wapsinonoc township. His birth occurred in Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 27th of February, 1865, his parents being H. H. and Sarah E. (Aument) Hildebrand, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. They came to this county in 1856, purchasing and locating on a farm in Wapsinonoc township, where they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. The mother passed away in April, 1868, while the father was called to his final rest in November, 1901, his demise being the occasion of deep and widespread regret. Their children were four in number, as follows: Elias, who is deceased; Mary, the wife of Frank Flater, of Wapsinonoc township, this county; J. M., who is a resident of Lettsville, Louisa county, Iowa; and E. H., of this review.

The last named acquired his education in the common schools and remained with his father until he had attained his majority, when he was married and established a home of his own. Following that important event in his life he removed to Kansas, took up a claim and resided thereon for five years, making some improvements on the property. In connection with the tilling of the soil he also raised and fed stock in the Sunflower state, this branch of his business adding materially to his income. In 1890 he returned to Muscatine county, operating the old homestead farm as a renter until 1902. In that year he purchased a portion of the property and is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 30, Wapsinonoc township, the cultivation of which claims his time and energies. His undertakings as an agriculturist have been attended with excellent results and he is now numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of his native county.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Hildebrand chose Miss Maggie E. Putt, who was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, on the 29th of April, 1865, her parents being George W. and Amanda A. (Miser) Putt, likewise natives of the Buckeye state. Mrs. Putt there passed away in November, 1877, and George W. Putt was afterward again married, coming to Iowa with his second wife and residing in Muscatine for four years. He then removed to Kansas, took up a claim and made his home thereon for about eight years. On the expiration of that period he went to Nebraska, in which state he died December 15, 1910, at the age of about seventy-four years, for he was born May 4, 1837. Mrs. Hildebrand is the oldest of three children born to her parents. By her marriage she has also become the mother of three children, namely: Harry H., whose birth occurred on the 22d of April, 1886; Grover G.,

whose natal day was November 6, 1888; and Ralph C., who was born on the 29th of June, 1894. All are yet at home.

Mr. Hildebrand is a democrat in politics and has served as a school director. Fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to lodge No. 190 at West Liberty. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand are devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which the latter takes an active and helpful part. They are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community, the hospitality of the best homes being cordially extended to them.

HARVEY L. METCALF.

Harvey L. Metcalf, one of the public-spirited, progressive and representative citizens of Muscatine county, is devoting his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits, being the owner of a productive farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 33, Wapsinonoc township. His birth occurred in Sandusky county, Ohio, on the 27th of September, 1855, his parents being Reuben and Malissa (Laughlin) Metcalf, who were natives of England and Pennsylvania, respectively. When a lad of nine years the father accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in Sandusky county, Ohio. He wedded Miss Malissa Laughlin in 1852 and continued to reside in Sandusky county until 1858, which year witnessed his arrival in Muscatine county, Iowa. Purchasing a tract of forty acres of land, he located thereon and during the remainder of his active business career devoted his attention to the tilling of the soil. His demise, which occurred in August, 1887, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for his life had ever been such as to command admiration and respect. His widow, who has attained the age of seventy-eight years, now makes her home in South Dakota. Unto them were born six children, as follows: Eva, who died in infancy; Harvey L., of this review; Hattie, the wife of G. W. Ripley, of South Dakota; James, who passed away when twenty-one years of age; B. L., who is a resident of Pike township, Muscatine county; Nettie, the wife of Elmer Hankins of South Dakota.

Harvey L. Metcalf, who was but three years of age when brought by his parents to Muscatine county, has resided within its borders continuously since, with the exception of four years. He attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own, settling on the farm in Wapsinonoc township, which has remained his place of abode to the present time. The property at that time embraced eighty acres and was in possession of his uncle, James Metcalf, whose tenant he remained for three years. On the expiration of that period he bought the farm and has since extended its boundaries by additional purchase until it now comprises one hundred and twenty acres. The fields have been brought under a high state of cultivation and annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which is bestowed upon them. The farm is well improved in every particular and Mr. Metcalf derives therefrom a gratifying income.



H. L. METCALF AND FAMILY

On the 2d of April, 1878, Mr. Metcalf was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary P. Heath, a daughter of Peter and Susan (Gibson) Heath, who were born in New Jersey and Ohio, respectively. Mrs. Metcalf was the eldest in a family of ten children, the others being as follows: Joseph A. and Henry N., who are residents of West Liberty; Charles G., living in Johnson county, Iowa; Flora L., who is deceased; John E., who makes his home in this county; William, who has passed away; Richard, who died in infancy; and Hattie and Martha, who are also deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf have been born seven children, namely: Laura Belle, the wife of James Rowley, of Oklahoma; George E., a resident of South Dakota; Edna L., who is the wife of James Hillyer, of Nichols, Muscatine county; Hattie V., who gave her hand in marriage to John Hintz and likewise resides in Nichols, this county; Charles H., also of Nichols, Muscatine county; Alice, who died in infancy; and Lola May, a young lady of eighteen, who is at home with her parents.

Mr. Metcalf is a democrat in politics but not an office seeker in the usually accepted sense of the term. He has been president of the Farmers Institute for one year and has done effective service for the cause of education as a school director. Indeed, any measure looking toward public advancement and improvement receives his hearty support. In connection with his farming interests he ably discharges the duties devolving upon him as president of the telephone system. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, to which his wife and children also belong. That his life has been well spent is indicated in the fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

EMMETT ADY, M. D.

For twenty-eight years Dr. Emmett Ady has engaged in the practice of medicine at West Liberty, being now the oldest physician in active practice in the city. Having made thorough preparation for a professional career, he has been more than ordinarily successful and ranks as one of the most skilled physicians in Muscatine county. A native of this county, he was born December 20, 1855, a son of Dr. Albert and Adelaide (Richards) Ady, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Virginia. The father, who was also a physician, came west in April, 1850, and practiced continuously in West Liberty until 1888, when he moved to Muscatine, remaining in practice there for five years. In 1893 he returned to West Liberty and resumed his professional duties in partnership with his son. He passed away in 1903. The mother came with her parents to Cedar county, Iowa, about 1850 and was married to Dr. Ady three years later. She is now living at West Liberty and has arrived at the age of seventy-three years. There were two children in the family: Emmett, of this review; and Florence, who died at the age of one year.

Emmett Ady attended the common schools and having decided to adopt a professional career, matriculated at the State University at Iowa City, graduating from the medical department with the degree of M. D. in 1882. In the

fall of the same year he went to New York and took a course in Bellevue Hospital, returning the following spring to West Liberty, where he has ever since engaged in practice. His ability to apply correctly his knowledge to the needs of his patients has been many times demonstrated and years ago he received recognition as a thoroughly capable physician and surgeon. He is an untiring student and a close observer and is held in high respect by his brother practitioners as well as by the entire community.

On Thanksgiving day of 1886 Dr. Ady was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Brown, a native of Muscatine county and the youngest daughter of Edward and Agnes Brown, both of whom were natives of Scotland. The father came to this country in 1838 and to Muscatine county in 1856. He died November 11, 1902. The mother arrived in America in 1839 and passed away April 30, 1889. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were the parents of twelve children, eight of whom are now living. To Dr. and Mrs. Emmett Ady two children have been born: Janet B., now a student in the State University at Iowa City; and Edward A., who is fourteen years of age. Mrs. Ady is a woman of many estimable characteristics and previous to her marriage was one of the popular teachers of this county.

Dr. Ady is socially identified with Lodge No. 540, B. P. O. E., at Iowa City, and with the Knights of Pythias lodge at West Liberty. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party. Well qualified professionally, he is also a good business man and is the owner of several residence properties in West Liberty. In the county in which he was born he is widely known and highly respected on account of his unsullied character and useful and progressive life.

JOHN SATTERTHWAITE.

Among the well established farmers of Muscatine county, who by their enterprising spirit and high character have gained the confidence of the community, should be named John Satterthwaite. He is a native of this county, born on the farm in Bloomington township where he now lives, October 21, 1856, and is a son of George and Almira (Anthony) Satterthwaite, the former a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of Columbus, Ohio. The mother came to Muscatine county, Iowa, with her parents in 1846. The father was born in 1822 and reared in the Keystone state, being attracted to the west in 1847, when he had reached the age of twenty-five years. He located in Bloomington township, this county, on land as productive as any that can be found in the county. He was an energetic and public-spirited man, whose efforts were not entirely expended in his own behalf, as he was a citizen who took an active interest in the welfare of the entire community. He gave his support to the republican party and was a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he served for many years as steward and trustee. He was called from his earthly labors in February, 1892, and seldom has the death of any man in the township occasioned more sincere regret. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Satterthwaite, of whom three are now living: Edwin

C., of Oklahoma; Mary, now the wife of Charles Botsford, of Colorado; and John, our subject.

Educated in the district school, John Satterthwaite gained the foundation of a mental training which he has much further extended by reading and observation. From his earliest recollection he has been especially attracted to farming and as he grew up he applied himself diligently under his father so that he became thoroughly familiar with the cultivation of the soil and also with the raising and feeding of live stock. At twenty-two years of age he took charge of the home place, upon which he continued after his marriage and which he purchased in 1899. The original homestead comprises eighty acres and to this he has added another tract of eighty acres, which is located on section 5, Bloomington township, being now the owner of one of the best improved properties in his part of the county. By his industry he has acquired a competence and ranks as one of the substantial citizens of the community.

In 1893 Mr. Satterthwaite was united in marriage to Miss Laura Reed, a daughter of Thomas and Louisa Reed, and to them four children have been born, three of whom are now living, namely: Helen, Fred and Raymond.

Mr. Satterthwaite is a worthy representative of a family whose name has long been known in Muscatine county, and in the course of a busy life he has contributed materially to the development of the agricultural resources of the region in which he lives. At the same time he has performed his duty as a loyal citizen, upholding the law and setting an example of fidelity to every deserving cause that is well worthy of imitation. He is an active member of the Methodist Episcopal church and is now serving as trustee. Politically he is identified with the republican party.

JOHN T. VERINK.

John T. Verink, of Muscatine county, who has a well established reputation as a farmer and stockman, was born in this county, December 8, 1876. He is a son of William and Fannie (Simpson) Verink, the former of whom was born in Holland and the latter in the United States. The father came to America with his parents in 1853 and lived in Muscatine county until his death, which occurred March 12, 1907. The mother was called away in March, 1895. There were two children in the family: our subject and Susan E., now the wife of M. L. Shellabarger, of Letts, Louisa county, Iowa.

John T. Verink was reared upon the home farm and educated in the district schools. He continued with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age and then began upon his own account as a shipper of cattle and hogs to the markets of St. Louis and Chicago. In 1901 he purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Seventy-six township and has since acquired more land so that at the present time he is the owner of two hundred and sixty acres. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock and, having good judgment and thorough knowledge of the grades of live stock most in demand in the market, he has

been very successful in this line. His farm is in a high state of cultivation and everything about it shows that it is under the care of a practical man.

On the 4th of March, 1902, Mr. Verink was united in marriage to Miss Florence Hunter, a native of Eldon, Iowa, and a daughter of Samuel and Mary Hunter, who were also born in this state. Mr. Hunter is now deceased but his wife is still living and makes her home in Louisa county, Iowa. There were four children in their family. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Verink has been brightened by the arrival of one daughter, Zelda S.

Mr. Verink is a member of the Masonic lodge at Letts, and he is a stanch believer in the fraternal principles of the order. Politically he gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He is greatly esteemed by the people of his township and served as assessor two terms, performing the duties of the office in such a way as to receive the hearty commendation of the tax-payers.

JOHN E. HEATH.

The man who has developed land until it becomes a beautiful farm has in an important degree attained success in life and has also added to the permanent wealth of the state and nation. John E. Heath, who owns a valuable farm in Wapsinonoc township, is entitled to record as having accomplished a splendid piece of work. A native of Cedar county, Iowa, he was born March 31, 1866, and is a son of Peter and Susan (Gibson) Heath, the mother a native of Ohio and the father of New Jersey. The latter removed to Iowa in 1846 and for several years worked for farmers in the neighborhood of Nichols, Muscatine county, after which he started the first store at West Liberty and became the first postmaster of the town. Subsequently he returned to New Jersey but soon again took up his residence in Muscatine county upon a farm three and one-half miles west of West Liberty, where he lived until 1855. He farmed on North Prairie and South Prairie and was again identified with the mercantile business in West Liberty, returning to his farm in 1887. He passed away in 1889, his wife departing this life at West Liberty March 3, 1903. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom are now living, namely: Mary, now Mrs. H. L. Metcalf, of Muscatine county; Joseph A., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Henry, of West Liberty; Charlie, of Johnson county; and John E., our subject.

John E. Heath remained with his parents until he was twenty-one years of age, in the meantime having received the advantages of a common-school education and also becoming well acquainted with all kinds of work pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. He began farming on his own account by renting a part of the old homestead for two years, when he purchased eighty acres of land on sections 33 and 34, Wapsinonoc township, and later added seventy-five acres, his farm now consisting of one hundred and fifty-five acres, upon which he has ever since made his home. He gives his attention to general farming, having no special fads, and has had the satisfaction of witnessing remarkable improvements not only on his own place but also on those of his neighbors. He

has transformed his farm into rich and fertile fields, erected new buildings and fences, and added many modern accessories and equipments until he now has one of the most desirable places in this part of the county.

In 1889, Mr. Heath was united in marriage to Miss Ida Carl, born in Cedar county, January 28, 1866, a daughter of Johnathan W. and Lucretia (Morgan) Carl, natives of Ohio and Indiana respectively. They came to Cedar county, Iowa, with their parents when children and grew up in that county. Mr. Carl subsequently removed to Johnson county, where he died February 12, 1878. The mother is still living and makes her home with her daughter, Mrs. S. W. Winn. There were eight children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Carl, seven of whom are now living. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Heath but Elmer died in infancy. Those living are William A., now nineteen years of age, who is attending the State University at Iowa City; and Frank H., who is fourteen years of age and is still at home. Mrs. Heath acquired a good education and taught school for six terms previous to her marriage. She takes a great interest in church work and is a valued member of the German Reformed church. Mr. Heath is not identified with any religious denomination but is friendly to them all. Politically he gives his support to the republican party and although he has not sought public office he served very acceptably as member of the school board for two years. He ranks as one of the best farmers of his locality and no other man in the township stands higher in popular esteem.

WILLIAM A. CHAPMAN.

No men in America are more worthy of honor than the soldiers who wore the blue and who risked their lives in order to save the Union. Viewed from the vantage ground of half a century, it is seen that the cause for which they fought was one of the noblest that the world has known—a conclusion that now meets the assent even of many of those who wore the grey. It was by all odds the most important struggle of modern times and the men still living who assisted in upholding the stars and stripes are worthy of the profoundest gratitude of all lovers of liberty.

Among the soldiers who valiantly fought for the Union is William A. Chapman. He was born in Scioto county, Ohio, August 21, 1842, and is a son of Greenup and Minerva (Lawson) Chapman, also natives of Ohio, who passed their entire lives in that state. There were nine children in the family, of whom seven are now living: Marian, of Muscatine county; Rosanna, the wife of John Snyder, of this county; Fannie, John and Charles, all residents of Ohio; Eleanora, the wife of a Mr. Trace of Ohio; and William A., our subject.

Educated in the district schools, William A. Chapman grew to manhood under the parental roof and continued at home until he was twenty years of age, when he responded to the call of President Lincoln and in 1862 enlisted in Company A, Independent Sharpshooters, serving until honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, in July, 1865. He participated in many of the great battles of the Army of the West and in innumerable skirmishes. He was in the engage-

ments at Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge and advanced under General Sherman as far as Atlanta, Georgia, when his command was ordered back to assist in holding Hood's army in check. He saw the last gun fired at Nashville, Tennessee, and having known the horrors of war, no man more heartily appreciates the blessings of peace. After returning from the south he spent some years in Ohio and in 1868 came to Muscatine county, Iowa, where he worked by the month for one year for John Hitchcock. He then began farming upon his own account by renting a farm and, having acquired sufficient capital, purchased forty acres, which comprises part of the place which he now owns, later adding one hundred and twenty acres, so that he now has a beautiful farm of one hundred and sixty acres. Everything about the place indicates good management and that well applied labor is receiving its due reward.

On the 7th of March, 1872, Mr. Chapman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Altekruse, who was born in Muscatine county, June 17, 1851. Seven children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chapman: E. H., of Muscatine county; Alice E., now the wife of Frank Minder, also of Muscatine county; Irene M., the wife of Earl Idle, of this county; Wilbur R., of Muscatine county; Eva E., now Mrs. A. Abbott of Muscatine county; Laura M., deceased; and Mary M. Mr. Chapman suffered the greatest bereavement of his life in the death of his beloved wife, who was called away November 23, 1890. She was a woman of many sterling qualities and to her husband was a faithful and loving helpmeet. As a mother there was no sacrifice she was not willing to make for her children.

Mr. Chapman is identified with the United Brethren church, to which he is a liberal contributor. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party and gives to its candidates his hearty support. He has never sought public office but as a friend of education has served most acceptably as member of the school board. In all the relations of life he has attempted to perform his duty and by his geniality and good will to all he has made many friends in Muscatine county.

NATHAN ROSENBERGER.

The work of the courts and real-estate, loan and insurance interests claim the time and attention of Nathan Rosenberger, who, throughout his professional career, has continuously practiced in Muscatine. He was born at Thorntown, Indiana, June 6, 1853, one of the eight children of Henry and Elizabeth (Mills) Rosenberger. The father was a native of Virginia and the mother of North Carolina. Comparatively little is known concerning the ancestral history. The maternal grandmother of Mr. Rosenberger, who in her maidenhood was Miss Hodson, was a native of England and she and her husband became early settlers of North Carolina. Henry Rosenberger followed the occupation of farming as a life work and when a young man removed to Indiana, settling in the vicinity of Thorntown, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1867, when he was forty-seven years of age. His wife died in 1864, when about forty-four years of age. They were members of the Friends church.

Nathan Rosenberger spent his youth upon the home farm in the vicinity of Thorntown, Indiana, to the age of eighteen years, during which period he attended the district schools and also spent one year at the academy at Thorn-town and four years at the academy at Spiceland, Indiana, where he not only finished his course, but also did post-graduate work. Subsequently he became a student in Penn College at Oskaloosa, Iowa, and for six years successfully engaged in teaching, proving a most capable educator by the readiness and clear-ness with which he imparted his knowledge to others. He was then elected county superintendent of schools of Jefferson county, Iowa, and was regarded by all as an efficient officer. His interest had been aroused in the legal profes-sion, however, and with the desire to become a member of the bar he began studying under ex-United States Senator Wilson. His thorough preliminary reading enabled him to successfully pass the required examination on the 16th of June, 1886, and he began practice in Muscatine, where he has since remained.

On the 6th of September of the same year Mr. Rosenberger was united in marriage to Miss Ellen J. Prizer, who was born at Brighton, Iowa, and is a daughter of John W. and Charlotte (Moore) Prizer, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively. They became early settlers of Washington county, Iowa, where her father died in 1906, while her mother now lives at Brighton. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rosenberger have been born five children, namely: Char-lotte I., Elizabeth M., Emma F., Henry P. and Charles J.

The parents are members of the Friends church and Mr. Rosenberger be-longs to the Woodmen of the World. The family residence is at No. 1019 East Second street, where they have a good home. His political support is given to the republican party, but he does not seek or desire office, preferring to concen-trate his energies upon his law practice. He prepares his cases with provident care and his logical grasp of facts and principles of the law applicable to them has been another potent element in his success.

WILLIAM BERT MILHOLIN.

W. Bert Milholin, whose farm is located near Letts, was born in Seventy-six township, this county, January 15, 1875, his parents being Richard and Matilda (Kirk) Milholin. The father came from New York state at an early day and located in Seventy-six township, Muscatine county. In 1899, after having en-gaged in farming for many years, he removed to Muscatine, where he died in June, 1906, and was buried in High Prairie cemetery. The mother was born in Lake township, this county, and departed this life in 1884. There were seven children in the family: Joseph, of Minnesota; Robert, of Parnell, Iowa; W. Bert, our subject; Jennie and Emma, deceased; Ada, the wife of Daniel Busch, of Lake township; and Minnie, now Mrs. Lee Freers, of Muscatine.

The subject of this review was educated in the district schools and assisted in the work of the home farm, aiding in the support of the family until he became twenty-one years of age. He operated his father's farm for a time and then spent one year upon a farm in Lake township, after which he lived in Iowa

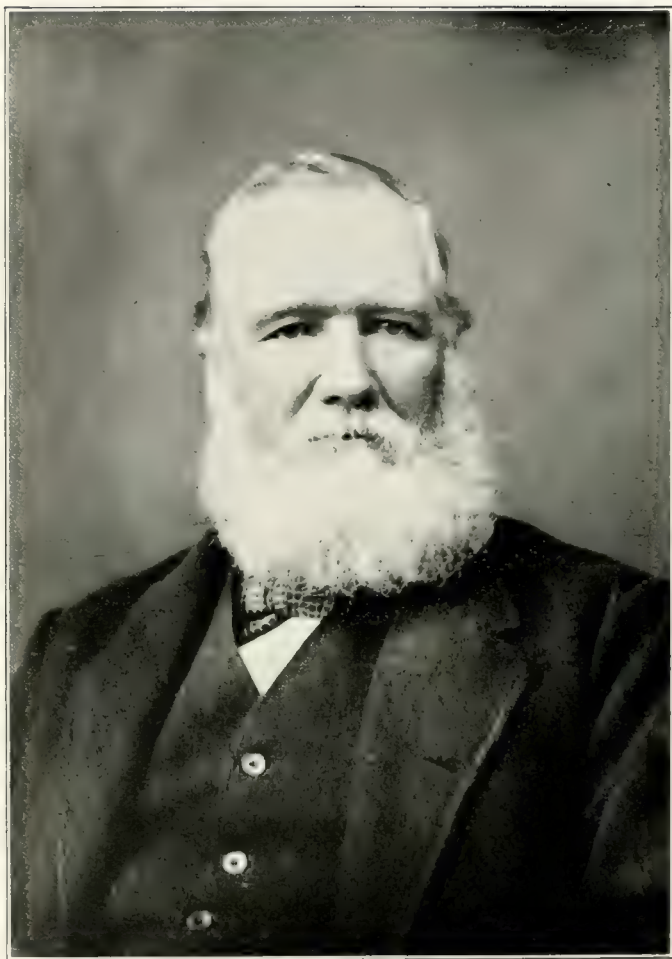
county, Iowa, for a year. Being attracted to his native county, he came to Muscatine and worked in various capacities in a lumberyard for two years. After spending two years on the Legler place and a similar length of time on the Robert Lee place, he located in 1908 on the farm he now occupies. Here he rents eighty acres, which he is bringing to a high state of cultivation, so that it now yields a handsome income.

In November, 1901, Mr. Milholin was united in marriage to Miss Maggie May Cochran, a daughter of Mathew Cochran, of Lake township. One child, Mabel Ada, has blessed this union. Mr. Milholin has all his life, with the exception of one year, been identified with Muscatine county and his attention has been mainly given to farming interests. He early became familiar with the details of farm work and by inclination and ability is adapted to the noble occupation which is the main dependence of the majority of the people of America. His life is a beautiful example of industry and conservative management and the success he has attained is a happy prophecy of further progress which may be expected in years to come. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party and gives an earnest support to its principles and candidates. He is not affiliated with any religious denomination but attends the United Brethren church and contributes liberally toward its support.

THOMAS McINTIRE.

For fifty-five years a resident of Muscatine county and during a large part of that time a man of wide influence, Thomas McIntire, now deceased, assisted in a marked degree in the upbuilding of the county. At all times actuated by worthy principles, his name became a synonym for integrity and honor and is a heritage even more to be prized than riches. He was born in Holmes county, Ohio, February 13, 1833, and was a son of William and Eleanor (Aiken) McIntire. There were ten children in their family, one of whom is now living—Sarah, the wife of Isaac Shop, of Ohio. Those deceased are: Anne, John T., Mary A., James, Samuel, Jane, Thomas, Dorothy and William.

Thomas McIntire was reared in Ohio and being an ambitious young man, came west at twenty-two years of age and took up his residence in Goshen township, Muscatine county, Iowa. Soon after his arrival he rented land near Atalissa and devoted his attention to farming with such energy that in 1860 he was able to purchase an unimproved tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Pike township. Having developed this land until it was capable of high cultivation, he disposed of it and in 1868 purchased four hundred acres of raw prairie in Goshen township, which he also proceeded to develop. As his means increased he bought more land until he acquired two hundred acres on section 29, Goshen township, and five hundred and twenty acres on section 30, Wapsinonoc township, making a total of seven hundred and twenty acres, which is now the family homestead and is one of the most productive farms in the region. Being a man of unusual energy and perseverance, Mr. McIntire was highly successful in his chosen calling, gaining a handsome fortune as the result of his good judgment



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and untiring industry and at the same time winning the respect of a host of friends in Muscatine county.

On July 10, 1857, Mr. McIntire was united in marriage to Miss Mary Parry, a daughter of David and Lydia (Hollingsworth) Parry, both of whom were natives of Delaware and became residents of Muscatine county. There were five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Parry, namely: Phoebe H., now deceased; Mary, now Mrs. McIntire; Luellen, deceased; Sarah, of Keokuk, Iowa, who became the wife of Robert Jewett, now deceased; and John A., of Goshen township. Eight children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McIntire: John T.; Caleb L.; Annie May, deceased; Abraham L.; Sarah Eleanor, the wife of Orrin Martin, of Muscatine county; Elmer; Thomas, Jr.; and Hannah L., now the wife of Melvin Brown, of Muscatine county.

Mr. McIntire was identified with the republican party whose principles he heartily espoused and as a patriotic citizen he assisted to the extent of his ability in forwarding the interests of its candidates. He was reared in the faith of the Presbyterian church but after going west never identified himself with any religious denomination, being friendly toward them all. He passed away March 21, 1910, having arrived at the venerable age of seventy-seven years. He was a man of many estimable qualities, entirely free from ostentation, generous in his friendships and willing at all times to assist those less fortunate than himself. He was a lover of his family, regarding no sacrifice too great if it added to the comfort of his wife or children. He will long be remembered not only as one of Muscatine county's most successful farmers, but also as a worthy representative of the early settlers who fearlessly braved the dangers and inconveniences of the wilderness in order to obtain a home, thus adding to the strength and stability of the state and nation.

ARTHUR STANLEY LAWRENCE.

On the roster of county officials appears the name of Arthur Stanley Lawrence, who is now filling the position of auditor, to which he was elected in the fall of 1904. He has filled the office since January, 1905, and in this, as in other public positions, he has proved most loyal to the trust reposed in him and capable in the discharge of his duties. Muscatine county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Moscow township, on the 1st of September, 1857. He is a representative of an old New England family. His grandfather, Elisha Lawrence, was born in Vermont and spent his entire life there. His son, Solomon L. Lawrence, was also a native of the Green Mountain state, and spent his youthful days in that locality, where he learned and followed the carpenter's trade. He afterward became a resident of Michigan, and the year 1856 witnessed his arrival in Iowa, at which time he took up his abode in Moscow township, Muscatine county, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. This he at once began to cultivate and improve, but in 1865 he sold the property and removed to Wilton, after which he lived retired from business cares. For many years he was justice of the peace and his decisions

were strictly fair and impartial. He was also prominent in church work, and both he and his wife belonged to the Methodist church. His death occurred in 1892 when he was eighty-two years of age, and his wife passed away in 1895 when about eighty years of age. She bore the maiden name of Harriett S. Morgan and was a native of New York. There were seven children in the family of Solomon L. and Harriett Lawrence, three sons and four daughters, but only two reached adult age. The daughter, Arline E., is the widow of Dr. James McNutt, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Arthur Stanley Lawrence is the only son who reached manhood and was reared in Muscatine county and from the age of seven years lived in Wilton, where he attended the public schools. When a lad of twelve years he began clerking in a dry-goods store, where he was employed for several years. He came to Muscatine in 1884, and here entered the employ of S. & L. Cohn Clothing Company. He was afterward connected with the U. S. Jackson Clothing Company and subsequently was in the service of the Hershey Lumber Company. In 1904 he was elected county auditor and in the following January entered upon the duties of that position, which he has since filled with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. This is not the only office in which he has been an incumbent, for in 1895 and 1896 he was mayor of Muscatine, in which connection he discharged his duties in a prompt, businesslike and efficient manner, giving a capable and progressive administration. As auditor he is systematic in all that he does, and no one has reason to complain of the way in which he administers the affairs of the office.

On the 20th of October, 1881, Mr. Lawrence was married to Miss Arontesa E. Eaton, a daughter of James A., and Mary (Davis) Eaton. Mrs. Lawrence was born in Iowa, near Muscatine, and her parents were natives of Indiana. They became early settlers of Muscatine county and are now living in Fruitland township. The family numbered seven children: Demetrius T., Calvin E., Arontesa E., Laura, the wife of Clare Bird of Wausau, Wisconsin; Martin, Rita E., the wife of Carl Tyrrell, of St. Paul, Minnesota; and Myrtle, the wife of Charles Bruun, of Kansas City, Missouri. Two children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence: Jay A. and Harold C., but the former died May 23, 1910, at the age of twenty-eight years. The latter, who is ticket agent at the Union station in Muscatine, married Pearl Childs.

The Lawrence home is at No. 704 Walnut street and is justly noted for its warm-hearted hospitality. Mrs. Lawrence is a member of the Baptist church. Mr. Lawrence belongs to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 1 K. T.; Zarephath Consistory, A. & A. S. R., of Davenport; and Kaaba Temple of the Mystic Shrine. Upon him has also been conferred the honorary thirty-third degree, and he is one of the best known and most prominent Masons of Iowa. He belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Modern Woodmen, and the Knights of the Maccabees. In Masonry many offices have been conferred upon him. He filled all the chairs in the local organization; has been grand high priest of Iowa, and grand master of the Grand Council of the state. In his political views he is an earnest republican, always loyal to the interests of the party. He never wavers in the support of his

honest convictions and his position is never an equivocal one. He stands fearlessly in support of what he believes to be right and the principles which have governed his conduct throughout his entire life are such as are indispensable elements of good citizenship and honorable manhood.

LINDLEY HOOPES.

Among the pioneers of Muscatine county the name of Lindley Hoopes occupies an honored place. He is now living at the venerable age of ninety-five years on the home farm where he settled fifty-four years ago. He was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1815, and is a son of Isaac and Hannah (Jones) Hoopes, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state. There were twelve children in the family, two of whom are still living.

Lindley Hoopes came to Muscatine county, April 18, 1854, and two years later located upon the farm in Lake township which is now the home place. He and his brother, R. H. Hoopes, purchased four hundred acres of wild land which it required a great deal of labor to reduce to a condition under which it could be successfully cultivated. Six yoke of oxen were used in breaking the sod, some of the furrows being a mile long. Part of the land was covered with timber and they cut and hauled logs to the mill for lumber for fencing purposes. Mr. Hoopes also worked at the carpenter's trade in Muscatine and in the early days assisted in building High Prairie church. About twelve years after locating upon the farm a tornado passed over the region, totally destroying the house and barn. However, Mr. Hoopes was not discouraged and he soon repaired the damage, becoming one of the prosperous farmers of the locality. He still owns the home farm of one hundred and thirty acres. In his active years he was a good business man. He was one of the organizers of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Muscatine and the confidence which was reposed in him by his associates is evidenced by the fact that he was elected president of the company, serving in that capacity for a number of years.

On the 22d of November, 1838, Mr. Hoopes was united in marriage to Miss Mary Adleman, who was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, May 6, 1819, and was a daughter of John and Sarah (Ganoe) Adleman, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. There were ten children in their family. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hoopes nine children were born: One who died in infancy; William H., also deceased; Sarah A., a sketch of whom appears below; Rebecca O., deceased; John A., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Joseph E., of Muscatine county; Lindley S., deceased; Mary C., the wife of A. J. Wood, of Muscatine county; and Emerson G., also of Muscatine county. The beloved mother of these children passed away May 12, 1904, at the age of eighty-five years, and her remains were buried in High Prairie cemetery.

Sarah A. Hoopes was born in Pennsylvania in 1843 and grew to womanhood under the kindly influence of loving parents. In 1869 she was united in marriage to Dr. W. D. Barclay, a native of Pennsylvania, born April 24, 1829. He was the son of William and Elizabeth (Bowman) Barclay, both of whom

were natives of Pennsylvania. Having early shown an inclination for intellectual pursuits, he was given a good education and was graduated from Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia.

He began practice in Muscatine, and gained a reputation as one of the most competent physicians of the city. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Episcopal church. On April 14, 1887, he died at Columbia, Texas. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Mary Scipton, a native of England, and by that union seven children were born, four of whom are now living. After this marriage he removed to Carlyle, Illinois, where his wife died. By his second marriage he had three children. Robert L., born October 23, 1871, died July 21, 1873. Florence E., born October 21, 1874, became the wife of Joseph Boiler, a farmer of Lake township, Muscatine county, and they have two children, Fern Lucile and Raymond. Laura A., born February 29, 1876, married H. R. Taylor, of Madelia, Minnesota, and they are the parents of two children, Olive B. and Vergil D. After her husband's death Mrs. Barclay returned home and she has since remained with her father. She is a member of Episcopal church and when opportunity presented was an active worker in its behalf. She is also connected with the Modern Brotherhood of America.

Lindley Hoopes was a staunch supporter of the democratic party until 1870 but since that time he has been in sympathy with the principles of the republican party. He was reared in the Quaker faith but for many years has been an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal church. He also holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Sons of Temperance and the Grangers. By numberless unselfish acts, extending over a long period, he has endeared himself to those with whom he has been associated and as the end draws near he receives all the attentions that loving hearts can bestow.

BERNARD KIRCHNER.

For fifty years Bernard Kirchner, deceased, was a citizen of Muscatine county, assisting in an important degree in the development of its agricultural interests. At the time of his death, November 27, 1906, he was the owner of five hundred acres of well improved land, which he had acquired through perseverance and energy. He won his way to success by the sterling characteristics of courage, thrift and industry, which are so prominent in the Teutonic race, of which he was a representative.

Born in Weimar, Saxony, Germany, December 2, 1833, he was the son of Christian and Dorothy (Gepford) Kirchner, both of whom passed their entire lives in the fatherland. Mr. Kirchner came to America as a young man in 1852, and, after spending two years in New York, lived in Rock Island, Illinois, for a short time, and in 1855, began his career as a farmer in Muscatine county by renting land. Subsequently he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Pike township, which he cultivated until 1873, when he came to Nichols and opened a mercantile establishment. He was highly successful both as a farmer and as a merchant, but in 1894 he retired to enjoy a well earned rest, his sons taking

charge of the business. In addition to being the owner of a valuable farm and of a good business house, he was a stockholder of the Lone Tree Savings Bank, and as a man of high financial standing his advice was much sought in matters of business by persons who desired to be guided aright. He had two brothers, both of whom are now deceased.

On December 23, 1863, Mr. Kirchner was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte Lenz, who was also a native of Germany, a daughter of Valentine and Barbara (Geis) Lenz. The family came to America in 1856 and settled upon a farm in Muscatine county, which Mr. Lenz cultivated until the death of his wife, which occurred in 1874. He then retired, passing his remaining days with his children, and his death occurred July 29, 1898. There were seven children in their family: Adam, deceased; Nicholas; George, deceased; Peter; John, deceased; Charlotte, who became the wife of Mr. Kirchner; and Elizabeth, deceased. To Mr. and Mrs. Kirchner eight children were born, namely: Frederick H., of Lone Tree, Johnson county, Iowa, who is married and has one child; Elizabeth, the widow of William Bowen, who lived at What Cheer, Iowa, and was called away October 20, 1910; Margaret, who is now the wife of Dr. Carl of Nichols, and has two children; Henry and Bernard A., both of whom are in the mercantile business at Nichols; Anna, who is the wife of Louis Mapes, of Lone Tree, and has two children; John, of Portland, Oregon, who still owns land in Muscatine county, and is married and has two children; and Gertrude, at home. The mother of these children is now living at Nichols and is sixty-five years of age.

Bernard A. Kirchner was born in Muscatine county, September 16, 1873. He received his education in the common schools and also at commercial college, and remained at home until nineteen years of age, when he and his brother assumed charge of the mercantile business at Nichols which their father had established a number of years previously. They continued together until 1907, when they divided the stock and since that time each has operated a separate store. Bernard A. Kirchner is also the owner of various properties in Nichols and is known as one of its prosperous and representative citizens. He is a stockholder and director of the Nichols Savings Bank. On the 15th of June, 1898, he was married to Miss Nannie E. Black, who was born in Muscatine county, May 1, 1879, a daughter of R. C. and Malissa M. (Johns) Black, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Two children have been born of this union: Clara Frances, who was born April 25, 1899, and is now living with her grandparents and attending school; and Robert Bernard, who died September 4, 1902, at the age of one and one-half years. The mother of these children departed this life March 26, 1901. Politically, Mr. Kirchner is identified with the democratic party, to which he gives his staunch adherence. He has served as a member of the city council for six years and also for one year as city clerk. Externally he is connected with Lodge No. 445, A. F. & A. M., and Nichols Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F., of Nichols, and Prairie Encampment No. 4, I. O. O. F., of Muscatine. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal church, as was also his wife.

Henry Kirchner was born in Muscatine county, on April 13, 1871. He remained at home until twenty-three years of age, when he became associated with

his brother in the store at Nichols which their father had established. Since 1907 he has conducted an establishment in his own name, and, being a man of good business ability, he has been very successful. He was married September 4, 1895, to Miss Emma Hacke, who was born in this county, February 21, 1876, a daughter of Frederick and Dora (Mueller) Hacke. Her parents came to this country from Germany, the father being engaged in farming in Iowa until his death, which occurred September 8, 1886. Her mother is still living in Muscatine county and is sixty-eight years of age. There were six children in their family, namely: Louisa, who died in 1895, leaving a husband and two children now living near Nichols; William, who is married and lives in Johnson county; Matilda, now the wife of Edward Reusnow, of Chicago; Mary, wife of Harry Federmann, of Nichols; Emma, now Mrs. Henry Kirchner; and Fredrick, who died in infancy. Four children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kirchner: Alvina, who was born January 9, 1897; Elsie P., born June 10, 1899; Alfred F., born August 14, 1902; and Marguerite F., born June 28, 1908. Mr. Kirchner is a member of the German Lutheran church, and his wife holds membership in the Christian church. Politically, he gives his support to the democratic party, and although he has never been a seeker for public office, he has served most acceptably as treasurer of the schools of his township for four years. He is a man of good social instincts, and is an active member of the Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges of Nichols.

Bernard Kirchner, whose name introduces this review, was a supporter of the candidates and principles of the democratic party. He was a sincere friend of education and served on the school board for many years. Religiously, he was identified with the Lutheran church, while his widow is a member of the German Evangelical church. He was greatly interested in the growth of Muscatine county and lived to see marvelous changes in this section, which now contains many of the most productive farms of the state. He was recognized as a man thoroughly trustworthy, who loved the country of his adoption, having here established a home where he enjoyed what he came to America to find—peace, happiness and prosperity.

ALEXANDER STEWART.

Alexander Stewart, who has lived retired at West Liberty since 1906, was successfully engaged in farming throughout his active business career and is still the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Lincoln township, Johnson county. His birth occurred in New York city on the 9th of September, 1855, his parents being John and Sarah (Dunham) Stewart, the former a native of Belfast, Ireland, and the latter of the Empire state. The family came to Iowa about 1856, locating in Iowa City and there the parents continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. John Stewart passed away in April, 1882, while his wife was called to her final rest in September, 1886. Unto them were born nine children, six of whom reached years of maturity.

Alexander Stewart supplemented his preliminary education by a high school course and remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority. He first secured employment as a farm hand and by dint of close economy accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to purchase a team. He then devoted his attention to the operation of a rented farm until his capital was such that he could invest in land of his own, coming into possession of a tract of eighty acres in Lincoln township, Johnson county, by making a small cash payment. Working earnestly and persistently, he was eventually enabled to discharge his entire indebtedness and as his financial resources increased he purchased an adjoining tract of eighty acres. Subsequently he extended the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of one hundred and sixty acres, so that his holdings now embrace three hundred and twenty acres of highly cultivated land in Lincoln township, Johnson county. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he made a specialty of raising hogs and horses, finding both branches of business congenial as well as profitable. In 1906, having accumulated a handsome competence, he put aside the active work of the fields and purchased a fine residence at West Liberty, where he has since lived retired. He has justly won the proud American title of a self-made man, for he started out in life empty handed and has since worked his way steadily upward by dint of indefatigable industry and untiring energy. Much of his success he attributes to the assistance of his estimable wife, who has proven herself indeed a helpmate. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart are now enjoying the fruits of their former toil in well earned ease, surrounded by all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life.

In the spring of 1877 Mr. Stewart was united in marriage to Miss Fanny Aylworth, who was born in Ohio on the 11th of September, 1857, her parents being William E. and Lucy (North) Aylworth, natives of New York and Ohio respectively. Mr. and Mrs. Aylworth began their domestic life in the latter state, locating on a tract of land entirely covered with timber, which had to be cleared off before the work of farming could be begun. The father of Mrs. Stewart first erected a log cabin characteristic of those pioneer times—a rude little structure with a clapboard roof and a floor and door of puncheons. He improved his farm and continued to reside in Auglaize county, Ohio, until 1865, when he took up his abode on a farm in Johnson county, Iowa. His demise occurred at Lone Tree, this state in December, 1891, while his wife passed away in Muscatine county in April, 1910, being at that time ninety years of age. Mrs. Stewart, who was one of a family of four children, enjoyed the advantages of a high school education. By her marriage she has become the mother of one daughter, Teresa M., whose birth occurred on the 1st of May, 1880, and who is also a high school graduate and followed the profession of teaching in Johnson county for three years. She likewise pursued a musical course. She gave her hand in marriage to Wilbur M. Wilson and now resides in Chicago, her husband being a draftsman in the employ of the Illinois Steel Company there. Mr. Wilson is a graduate of the Iowa State College at Ames and also a graduate in mechanical engineering at Cornell University of New York. Our subject has one granddaughter, Grace Wilson.

Mr. Stewart is a republican in politics. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Protestant church, to which his wife also belongs. They have a host of friends that is constantly increasing as the circle of their acquaintance broadens and all who know them speak of them in terms of warm regard.

SAMUEL B. STUCKER.

Samuel B. Stucker, who is the owner of a productive farm of eighty-five acres in Goshen township and is recognized as a progressive and thoroughly trustworthy citizen, was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, on the 24th of August, 1847. He is a son of Russell P. and Ann (Stiles) Stucker, who were also born in the Keystone state. They were married in their native state and came west in 1867, settling on a farm of seventy-five acres in Goshen township. Here the father labored diligently for twenty-seven years and in 1894 retired, taking up his residence at Atalissa, where he is now living at the venerable age of eighty-eight years. The mother passed away in 1909 at the age of eighty-six years. There were nine children in their family, namely: Willis H., of Atalissa; Samuel B., the subject of this review; Richard F., who is living retired at Atalissa; William B., now on a farm in Muscatine county; Hattie A., wife of Theodore Jones of West Liberty; Martha M., now Mrs. Emerson Lamb of Atalissa; Emma N., the wife of George Worrall of Atalissa; James H., a farmer of Muscatine county; and Oscar E., now engaged in business as a contractor and carpenter at Atalissa.

Samuel B. Stucker grew up under the parental roof and was instructed by his father in the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. He attended the district school, working on the home farm Saturdays and vacations, and he thus gained a practical knowledge of the vocation to which he decided to devote his life. At the age of twenty-two years he began farming on rented land, and as he early acquired the habits of thrift and industry, he gradually accumulated a sum of money so that in 1897 he purchased eighty-five acres, to which he has since added twenty acres, making him the owner of a farm, eighty-five acres of which are in a high state of cultivation. He handles a good class of stock and also is very successful in raising cereals, being known as one of the most thorough farmers in the neighborhood.

In 1891 Mr. Stucker was united in marriage to Miss Mattie E. Oxley, a native of Belmont county, Ohio, and a daughter of Daniel and Jane (Combs) Oxley, who were also born in Belmont county, Ohio. Her parents were married in Ohio, and in 1881, desiring to improve their condition, they came to Muscatine county, Iowa, and located upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres purchased by Mr. Oxley, which became the home place. Here he passed away in November, 1909, Mrs. Oxley being called to her reward in May, 1904. There were nine children in their family, namely: Linneus, now a machinist of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Emerson E., a resident of Goshen township; Mattie E., who became the wife of Mr. Stucker; Kate, now living on the old homestead; Mary,



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wife of Archie Hawthorn of Dexter, Iowa; Ida, now Mrs. Clarence Hargrave, of Muscatine county; George, of Goshen township; Henry, a farmer in Kansas; and Hattie, also living on the family homestead.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stucker two children were born: Oliver D., born January 26, 1894, and Esther A., born October 12, 1896, both of whom are at home. The mother of these children died March 14, 1909, her remains being laid to rest in West Liberty cemetery. The loss of his wife was the greatest sorrow Mr. Stucker has ever known, as she was a true and loving companion and a woman of many noble qualities. She was well educated and was a school teacher previous to her marriage.

Since arriving at years of maturity, Mr. Stucker has given his support to the republican party. He is not affiliated with any religious denomination, but his wife was a member of the Methodist church. He has displayed the sterling qualities of thrift, industry and perseverance, and has acquired a competency, so that as the years pass he will find himself well fortified against material want. Modest and unassuming, he has devoted his attention to his home and family and justly occupies a high place in the estimation of his neighbors.

LOUIS D. CHOWN.

Louis D. Chown, who owns a valuable farm in Pike township, Muscatine county, and also other property, was born in Zanesville, Ohio, May 17, 1856. He comes of worthy English parentage being the son of John and Eliza (Aplin) Chown, both of whom were born in England. They came to America in 1852 after their marriage and after living four years in Ohio were attracted to Muscatine county, Iowa, Mr. Chown entering the employ of John Barnard, of Bloomington township, with whom he continued for several years. Being an industrious and economical man of good habits, he accumulated sufficient capital to purchase eighty acres of land in Lake township, which he cultivated until his retirement from active work. After spending several years with his children he removed to Columbus Junction, Iowa, where he died February 17, 1904. He was very successful as a farmer and became a prosperous landowner, giving to each of his four children a farm of one hundred and sixty acres or its equivalent. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Chown, three of whom are now living: George, a farmer of Columbus Junction; Mary, the wife of William H. Foster, of Muscatine, Iowa; and Louis D., our subject.

Coming with his parents to Muscatine county quite early in life, Louis D. Chown received his education in the public schools and was taught by his father the importance and value of applying himself diligently to everything that demanded his attention. At nineteen years of age, being desirous of seeing the world, he went west and was absent for ten years, during which time he engaged in farming and also in railroad work. Returning to Muscatine county he rented the family homestead for four years, then taking charge of one hundred and sixty acres which his father had purchased and which later was deeded to the son. Under his management the land became highly productive and is now one of the

best improved farms of Pike township, every acre having been brought to a high state of cultivation except eleven acres which are in timber. Mr. Chown also owns a handsome residence in Nichols and other property. As a farmer and stock-raiser he has met with a goodly measure of prosperity, being also very successful in the line of business to which he has applied himself and is known as one of the responsible citizens of the county.

On January 6, 1886, Mr. Chown was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Meyers, who was born in Muscatine county, May 19, 1865, and is a daughter of Henry and Mary (Meyers) Meyers, both natives of Germany. The parents came to America in early life and made their home in St. Louis, subsequently coming to Muscatine, Iowa. Mr. Meyers purchased a farm in Lake township, Muscatine county, upon which he lived until the death of his wife, June 27, 1894. He departed this life in September, 1898. There were nine children in their family, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Mary, the wife of George Chown, of Columbus Junction; Henry, who now lives on the farm of our subject; William, of Audubon county, Iowa; Charley, who died at the age of two years; Louis, of North Dakota; Elizabeth A., now Mrs. Chown; Jessie, of Muscatine county; and Alice, now Mrs. George Chown, of Muscatine county. Three children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chown: John William, who was born July 8, 1887, and is now living in Nichols; Louis W., born December 4, 1904; and Robert Taft, born November 21, 1908.

Mr. Chown is a valued member of the Congregational church and politically is a supporter of the republican party. He has not been a seeker for political honors but for four years has held the office of road supervisor. Fraternally he is identified with Camp No. 644, M. W. A., and Nichols Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F., both of Nichols. He has from his earliest recollection been closely identified with the interests of this county and is recognized as a public-spirited citizen, ever willing to assist in forwarding any enterprise that aims to promote the welfare of the community. He is well known socially, having the regard of a wide circle of friends in Muscatine county.

NELSON S. BROWN.

Among the steady-going men of Muscatine county who have done a great deal of work in their lives and are now living practically retired, having attained a competence, may be named Nelson S. Brown, whose home is in Nichols, Pike township. He is a native of Sweden, born March 3, 1835, and is a son of Sebe and Rainel Brown, who were also natives of that country. The family emigrated to America in 1842, settling in Galesburg, Illinois, where the father worked in a wagon shop for two years and later as a carpenter. He also followed various other occupations until he retired at the age of seventy-two years. The mother died from cholera within a week after landing in America.

Nelson S. Brown came to America in boyhood with his parents and since the age of fifteen years has been dependent upon his own exertions. He began work in a blacksmith shop, but subsequently went to Des Moines, Iowa,

where he attended school for one year, having previously received his early training in the schools of Galesburg. After laying aside his books he went to Huron, Iowa, where he conducted a blacksmith shop for three years, then moving to Northfield, Iowa, and continuing in the same line for five years. By this time he had become acquainted with the advantages of farming in Muscatine county and accordingly he traded all his property for forty acres of land in this county, which he proceeded to cultivate, at the same time having charge of a blacksmith shop for a period of twelve years. Selling out, he purchased eighty acres in Pike township but later removed to Davenport, where he made his home for twelve years. In 1893 he came to Nichols and opened a blacksmith shop, which was destroyed by fire. He later resumed work in the same line and is now conducting a flourishing establishment.

On the 16th of July, 1859, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Susanne Nichols, of Des Moines county, Iowa, and five children blessed their union, three of whom are now living, namely: Henry J., a farmer of Pike township, Muscatine county; George W., now living on his father's farm in Pike township; and Elsie, the wife of James Jinn, of East Chicago, Indiana. Mrs. Brown having departed this life in 1885, our subject was married in 1904 to Mrs. Mary Anderson, of Clinton, Iowa, the widow of George Anderson, of Moline, Illinois.

Mr. Brown has been a resident of the United States for sixty years during a period of remarkable progress in every line of industry. He came to Iowa while the stream of immigration was still pouring in and has contributed according to his ability in the great movement that has made this state one of the most prosperous in the Union. In the course of his life he has made many friends by a readiness to oblige others and a kindness of heart with which he was endowed by worthy parents. He and his family are consistent members of the Methodist church and politically he is identified with the republican party. For two years he held the office of road supervisor of Sweetland township.

DEVOLVE RICHARDS.

All lovers of liberty will ever regard with deepest respect the men who offered their lives in defense of the Union and on the field of battle demonstrated their patriotism. The old soldiers are rapidly passing to their reward but in almost any community of the north may be seen a little band whose membership in the Grand Army of the Republic indicates that they were enrolled under the stars and stripes. To this number belongs Devolve Richards, of West Liberty.

Born in Columbiana county, Ohio, November 3, 1841, he is the son of Thomas and Jane (Lynch) Richards, both of whom were natives of Loudoun county, Virginia. In 1851 the father came west and located upon a farm of one hundred and sixty acres which he entered in Cedar county. The country was sparsely settled and he built a rude log cabin, covering the roof with clapboards and providing a puncheon floor so that it was comfortable in winter and af-

forded a safe shelter at any season of the year. There the family lived until 1854, when they removed north of Springdale, where he operated a flour mill for four years, and later for the same length of time he conducted a milling business near Tipton. At the end of that period he took up his residence in West Liberty, where he passed away in 1865 and his wife died twenty-two years later. Of the eleven children in their family four are still living: Slathiel, now residing at Florence, Nebraska; Adla, the wife of Dr. Ady of West Liberty; Elizabeth, the wife of Hiram Ady, also of West Liberty; and Devolve, the subject of this review.

Educated in the district schools of Cedar county, Devolve Richards remained with his parents until sixteen years of age and then began to learn the plasterer's trade. In 1861 he responded to the call of Abraham Lincoln and enlisted under Captain Beach in Company H, Eleventh Iowa Volunteers, and for four long years gave willing service to a cause that seemed to him to be just and true. He took part in many of the great battles of the Army of the West, as a member of Crocker's celebrated Iowa Brigade, among which may be named Shiloh, Corinth, the siege of Vicksburg, and marched under General Sherman to the sea, assisting in that great movement which defeated the Confederacy and materially hastened the conclusion of the war. He learned many lessons which are not presented in books and also gained a knowledge of human nature which has been of invaluable assistance to him in the years that have passed.

After being honorably discharged and mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, Mr. Richards returned to Muscatine county and for twenty years devoted his attention to his trade, then entering the butcher business in which he has since continued. By diligence and economy he acquired two hundred and eleven acres of land, of which one hundred and twenty were in Muscatine county and ninety-one in Cedar county. This property he has disposed of but he now owns a comfortable residence and several city lots in West Liberty.

In 1867 Mr. Richards was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bowsby, a native of Ohio and a daughter of J. G. and Lydia A. Bowsby, the former of whom was born in New Jersey and the latter at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Bowsby came to Muscatine county in 1839 and for a short time drove a stage coach. Then returning to the east, he brought his family to Muscatine county, where he established a permanent home. He and his wife are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Richards seven children have been born: Gustie, deceased; H. M., now a farmer of Muscatine county; Emma E., who graduated from the West Liberty high school and is now a teacher at Minneapolis, Minnesota; Lily, the wife of S. G. McFadden, of West Liberty; A. L., now identified with a meat market at West Liberty; Lewis, deceased; and Edith, a graduate of the high school and now living at home.

Mr. Richards gives his earnest support to the republican party and has served with general acceptance as road superintendent, school director and in other minor township offices. He is a valued member of Post No. 245, G. A. R., of West Liberty, and his wife holds membership in the Presbyterian church. He is a man of agreeable and friendly address and that he has good business ability has been well demonstrated. He has never allowed his energies to be-

come completely absorbed in the pursuit of money so as to dry up the fountains of human sympathy. As a patriotic citizen, a kind neighbor and a considerate and loving husband and father, he has accomplished a worthy object in life and is to be congratulated on the honorable record he has made.

ALBERT WHITACRE.

A successful man has been defined as one who has the good sense to learn even from his own instruction. The man who is not willing to learn or easily becomes discouraged is seldom found among the leaders of any community. It requires courage, zeal, good judgment and perseverance to win a permanent place in the estimation of a community, and Albert Whitacre certainly possesses all of these requisites. He was born in Warren county, Ohio, March 15, 1853, and is a son of Aquilla and Ann (Cook) Whitacre, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. The father lived on the same farm in Ohio for sixty years. In 1852 he paid a visit to Johnson county, Iowa, where he entered about four thousand acres and built five or six small houses, which he rented. He returned to Ohio but in 1865 came with his family and located permanently in this state, buying another farm, upon which he lived until his death. His wife was called away a few years after his death. There were five children in the family: Ruth Anna, deceased; Sarah, now the wife of Ross Leach, of West Branch; Albert, of this review; Maurice, of West Liberty; and Amos C., also of West Liberty.

Albert Whitacre came with his parents to Iowa when twelve years old and after arriving at the age of nineteen years began operating a farm given him by his father. In 1895 he removed to West Liberty and purchased one hundred and twenty-five acres adjoining the city, which he has since very highly improved, and to which he has added forty acres, so that at the present time he is the owner of five hundred and eighty-five acres of valuable land, of which four hundred acres lie in Johnson county, Iowa. He is up-to-date in everything he undertakes and has built a modern barn and silo, which is provided with a concrete floor, electric lights and the most modern improvements, making it one of the most complete plants of the kind in the entire county. He takes great pride in everything his hands find to do, and, as he is well informed as to the very latest scientific developments along lines in which he is interested, he is regarded as an authority upon many matters pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising. He has for a number of years been a member of the board of directors of the People's State Bank of West Liberty.

On the 21st of October, 1875, Mr. Whitacre was united in marriage to Miss Harriet L. Nichols, born in Muscatine county in 1857, a daughter of Phineas and Martha (Gibson) Nichols, both of whom are deceased. Six children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Whitacre: Lewis A., born September 24, 1879, who is now assisting his father in cultivating the homestead; Herbert P., who was born September 8, 1884, and died September 26, 1887; Edna A., a

graduate of the State University, who was born October 25, 1886, and is now the wife of Dr. J. E. Kimble, of West Liberty; Wilma L., who was born April 8, 1889, and is a student of the State University; Harold C., who was born April 30, 1891, and died May 16, 1901; and Martha A., who was born May 14, 1894, and is now a student of the West Liberty high school.

Mr. Whitacre since arriving at manhood has given his support to the republican party. Fraternally, he is identified with the lodge of Knights of Pythias at West Liberty, and his wife is a member of the Pythian Sisters and also of the Presbyterian church, being a prominent factor in works of charity and mercy. As indicated by this review, Mr. Whitacre is a man of sterling virtues, highly honored by his friends and acquaintances, and respected as a progressive and useful citizen, who has assisted very materially in the development of the permanent interests of Muscatine county.

WILSON C. KIMBERLEY.

In this land of opportunity the younger men often come forward and, having possessed advantages of education and training not available to a former generation, have in many instances forged their way to the front. They represent the modern American spirit of enterprise and energy and it is doubtful whether a more creditable illustration of the possibilities for young men could be presented than is shown in the career of Wilson C. Kimberley, of West Liberty.

Born in Cedar county, Iowa, December 24, 1886, he is the son of Amos Kimberley, who was for many years one of the best known men in eastern Iowa. The father was born at Austintown, Ohio, December 21, 1837, a son of Samuel and Mary Minerva (Latimer) Kimberley. Samuel Kimberley was a wealthy mine owner, operating in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and also in the Black Hills and in Mexico. There were three sons in his family, namely: Amos E., German and Peter. The last named also became extensively engaged in mining, his estate at the time of his death, in 1905, being valued at ten million dollars.

In 1861 Amos E. Kimberley came to Iowa and settled in Iowa township, Cedar county. He was remarkably successful as a farmer and stock-raiser, and his farm embraced more than one thousand acres, being one of the most valuable landed estates in the county. About twelve years before his death he was visited by financial reverses, but he was not a man to be overcome by misfortune, and he began at once to accumulate another fortune. He spent his declining years at West Liberty, passing away April 21, 1910. He was twice married, his first wife being Rachel Flick, and there were five children by that union, one of whom died in infancy. The others were: Charles W., of Los Angeles; Nellie Sankey, of Kittanning, Pennsylvania; Viola D. Latimer of San Francisco; and Samuel O., of Washington, D. C. After the death of his first wife Mr. Kimberley was married in 1877 to Miss Mary Wilson, who was born in Ireland in 1849 and came with her parents to this country at seven years of age. By the second marriage seven children were born, three of whom passed away ere their father's death, the others being: David Wilson of Iowa township, who

was born August 6, 1878; Amos E., of Cedar county, born May 25, 1881; Wilson C., the subject of this review; and Mary Marie, who was born October 15, 1889, and is now living at home.

Wilson C. Kimberley received his preliminary education in the public schools and later attended school at Springdale. When not occupied with his text-books he assisted upon the home farm, becoming familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country boy. He continued at home until nineteen years of age, when he took charge of a farm which his father gave him, and being a young man of unusual industry and resourcefulness, he has been highly successful as an agriculturist and stock-raiser, applying up-to-date methods and thus obtaining the best results at the least expenditure of time and energy. He has also built a substantial brick garage in West Liberty, forty-two by sixty-four feet in size, from which he derives a liberal income on the investment.

On the 4th of January, 1911, Mr. Kimberley was united in marriage to Miss Blanch L. Aker, a daughter of A. B. and Louisa (Miller) Aker, who are residents of this county. Her father was born in Nova Scotia, but the birth of her mother occurred in Cedar county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Kimberley now live with his mother.

Politically, Mr. Kimberley gives his support to the republican party, and fraternally he is connected with the various Masonic bodies, and in 1910 was the youngest member of the Shrine in the state of Iowa. Although he is practically only at the beginning of his business life, he has attained recognition as one of the substantial and progressive men of his section. Having inherited his father's excellent business ability, his friends prophesy for him a highly successful and useful career.

REV. BERNARD JOSEPH FITZSIMONS.

Although comparatively a recent arrival at Nichols, Rev. Bernard Joseph Fitzsimons, pastor of the Catholic church, has gained an enduring place in the esteem of his parishioners and is justly honored by the entire community. He was born in County Cavan, Ireland, December 24, 1870, a son of Bernard and Christina (O'Farrelly) Fitzsimons. The father was a farmer and business man and gave his son the advantages of education in the national schools at Mullagh, County Cavan. Having decided to consecrate his life to the work of the church, the subject of this review entered a seminary in his native county and there pursued a study of the classics. After graduating from that institution he became a student at All-Hallows, a theological college in Dublin, in 1888, and after pursuing various branches was ordained to the priesthood of the Catholic church June 24, 1893.

In 1903 Father Fitzsimons came to America and after arriving at Davenport, Iowa, was appointed by Bishop Cosgrove as assistant to the Rev. Father Nugent, of the Visitation church at Des Moines. After occupying this position for a little less than a year, in the course of which he showed himself eminently adapted for mission work, he was placed in charge as chaplain at Mercy Hospital, hav-

ing also under his charge the academy conducted by the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary. His next appointment was as pastor of the Catholic church at Centerville and missions of the vicinity, then going to Bayard, Iowa, and from that place April 28, 1904, to his present charge at Nichols. The various societies of the church over which he officiates are in good standing and his influence is felt as a powerful force in the moral development of the community.

Father Fitzsimons by his genial address and unselfish labors in behalf of others has greatly endeared himself to many people in Iowa to whom he has indeed been a wise friend and counselor. He possesses many of the best characteristics of the historic race from which he sprung and is qualified in a remarkable degree for the great work in which he is engaged, bringing to the attention of his fellowmen their duties in this life and their responsibilities for the life to come. Highly educated and possessing unusual ability for his chosen calling, Father Fitzsimons is now fairly started upon a long and useful career.

NICHOLAS SPILGER.

Many sons of Illinois have been attracted to Iowa and in Muscatine county have established homes under conditions so favorable as scarcely to be equalled elsewhere in the Union. Among the number may be named Nicholas Spilger, who owns a valuable farm in Goshen township. He was born at Rock Island, Illinois, January 13, 1851, and is a son of George and Catharine (Vetter) Spilger, both of whom were natives of Germany. The parents came to America about 1850, spending about a year in Chicago, at the end of which time they located upon eighty acres of government land in Rock Island county, Illinois. There they lived until their deaths, which occurred in the month of September, 1854, passing away within two days of each other. There were three children in the family: Peter, who died in infancy; Nicholas, our subject; and Margaret, now the wife of August Fuhr of Rock Island county.

Nicholas Spilger received his education in the common schools and when old enough began working as a farm hand. At twenty-six years of age, having acquired sufficient capital, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Mercer county, Illinois, which he cultivated for three years and then sold. He next acquired eighty acres which lies about one and a quarter miles north of the farm where he now lives and there he spent sixteen years, in the course of which he gained a great deal of valuable experience in agriculture and stock-raising and decided to make his permanent home in that region. Accordingly he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Goshen township, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and provided with all conveniences for up-to-date operations. In addition to general farming he has been very successful in the raising and marketing of cattle, hogs and horses.

On the 10th day of February, 1881, Mr. Spilger was united in marriage to Miss Mary Weiss, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Fuhr) Weiss, who were the parents of twelve children: Mary; Catherine, the wife of George Stemm, of Johnson county, Iowa; Margaret, who makes her home with our subject; Philip,



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of Muscatine county; Louisa, John, Clara and Emma, at home; Christian, of Muscatine county; Valentine, who died in infancy; Lydia, at home; and Barbara, the wife of Charles M. Timm, of Muscatine county. Two children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Spilger: Albert J., who was killed by lightning on the home place July 27, 1898; and Philip G., who now assists in the management of the farm. The wife and mother died in 1884 at the early age of twenty-nine years.

Mr. Spilger has experienced both the joys and sorrows of life, the untimely death of his son being one of the severest blows he has ever known. He is a consistent member of the Lutheran church and in the hour of his bereavement was sustained by a faith in a Divine Providence which does all things well. In his political belief he adheres to the republican party. Beginning more than thirty years ago, he labored diligently until he acquired a competence and he is today one of the prosperous men of the county, his good fortune being due to his own untiring industry and indomitable will. His wife was to him indeed a helpmate and his home is one of the attractive gathering places of the township.

E. E. EICHELBERGER.

Among the prosperous farmers of Muscatine county is E. E. Eichelberger, who owns five hundred and thirty-three acres of land, which he acquired through the application of principles that lead to success in all legitimate industries. Born on the place where he now lives, March 14, 1866, he early became thoroughly acquainted with the details of farm work and management, and few men in Muscatine county have displayed better judgment in handling a business which calls for an alert mind and ability to direct others so as to produce the best results.

Mr. Eichelberger is a son of Levi and Mary (Ebersole) Eichelberger, both of whom were born in Pennsylvania. The father came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1844, but after several years returned to Pennsylvania. However, he was again attracted west and early in the '50s he entered land in Muscatine county and became one of its energetic farmers. He was called away July 10, 1906, his beloved wife having been summoned from earthly scenes August 24, 1895. They were laid to rest in Letts cemetery. There were twelve children in their family, ten of whom are now living: Galena, who became the wife of Isaiah Idle and departed this life November 4, 1897; Clay, now living at Boulder, Colorado; Henrietta, the wife of L. M. Cecil, of Muscatine county; Scott, deceased; Frank, of South Dakota; Priscilla, the wife of W. F. Hoffmeyer of Sioux City, Iowa; Irene, now Mrs. William Lake, of Lake township, Muscatine county; Winfield, of South Dakota; Alvira, the wife of J. C. Watts, of Muscatine county; Myra A., now Mrs. Chester Folmer, of Colorado; E. E., our subject; and Lillie, the wife of H. B. Hoffmeyer, of Muscatine county.

The subject of this review was reared upon the home farm and received his education in the district schools. He continued with his parents until he reached

manhood and then began farming upon his own account by renting land. By good management he was able about 1897 to purchase the home farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 5, Seventy-six township. Later he acquired one hundred and thirty-three acres on section 30, Lake township, and two hundred and forty acres on sections 32 and 33, the same township, all of which he has improved and brought to a high degree of cultivation. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, but makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock of all kinds and, as he understands the markets and the grades of stock most in demand, he generally receives the best prices that are offered.

On the 27th of October, 1886, Mr. Eichelberger was united in marriage to Miss Elva V. Longstreth, a native of Muscatine county and a daughter of Oliver and Nancy (Deweis) Longstreth, both of whom are now deceased. They were the parents of nine children. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Eichelberger, Frank E., Oliver Earl and Elva G., all of whom are at home. The mother of these children died October 6, 1894, and was buried in Letts cemetery. She was a woman of many excellent qualities and won the friendship and respect of all with whom she came in contact. On December 1, 1897, Mr. Eichelberger was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Ida Kate Walts, who was born in Muscatine county, and is a daughter of John G. and Louisa A. Walts, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. By his second marriage Mr. Eichelberger has two sons: Milton E., born May 21, 1899; and Levi Walts, December 9, 1904.

Mr. Eichelberger is a man of unusual determination and energy and one who generally carries to completion anything he undertakes. He is now in the midst of a useful career, which promises even larger results in the future than in the past. He is a supporter of the democratic party and, although he has never sought political office, he has served with credit as trustee of the township for two terms and also as member of the school board. Mrs. Eichelberger is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church and has been a constant support to her husband in all undertakings, having for their aim the permanent welfare of those with whom they are associated.

B. F. HERR.

The old soldiers of Muscatine county are honored not only for the part they bravely performed in upholding the stars and stripes, but also for their work in the development of this region. Not a few of the most prominent men now living in the county have worn the blue, among them being B. F. Herr, of Wap-sinonoc township, who has reached the age of seventy-two years and has been actively identified with the agricultural interests ever since he was old enough to hold the handles of a plow. He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, July 3, 1839, a son of Christian and Susanna (Stiver) Herr, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They removed to Ohio in 1820 and the father built a log cabin on a timber farm, where he made his home for thirty-seven years. His wife died in 1853 and he subsequently came to Muscatine county, where he

passed away in 1890 at the age of eighty-four years. There were six children in their family, four of whom are now living.

B. F. Herr received his early education in the district schools and when not busy with his books assisted his father in clearing the farm and cultivating the fields. At the age of seventeen he started out to make his way in the world on his own account, and in 1857 arrived at Muscatine, Iowa, his first employment being in breaking the prairie with six yoke of oxen. In 1861 he responded to the call of President Lincoln and enlisted in Company D, Eleventh Iowa Infantry, in which he faithfully served for three years. At the battle of Shiloh he was wounded in the side and also in the right ankle, but was not permanently disabled, as he participated in the siege of Vicksburg, the battle of Corinth, and in the advance under General Sherman to Atlanta, being present at a number of the most important battles and engagements of the war. After the close of the Rebellion he received his honorable discharge in Alabama. He returned to Iowa and has been almost continuously engaged in farming in Muscatine county, spending three years, however, from 1874 to 1877, on a farm which he purchased in Johnson county. After disposing of that place he bought land on section 18, Wapsinonoc township, upon which he made his home for seven years, when he sold out and purchased the farm which is now the home place. It is located on section 21, Wapsinonoc township, and consists of one hundred and sixty acres, which he has improved and provided with a neat residence and other buildings, all of which are kept in excellent repair. He makes a specialty of raising stock for the market.

On the 16th of September, 1866, Mr. Herr was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca Wilson, a daughter of David Wilson, a record of whom is found elsewhere in this work. Four children have blessed this union, namely: Fannie B., now the wife of Ed Wells of Johnson county; George W.; Bertha E., at home; and Carrie M., the wife of Ed James of Johnson county.

George W. Herr, the only son of our subject, was born March 12, 1870. He received the advantages of a good common-school education and continued upon the home farm, of which he now has charge. He was married February 20, 1895, to Miss Hattie M. Verry, who was born in Muscatine county, August 26, 1872, a daughter of William and Jane (Watkins) Verry, both of whom are now deceased. Two children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Herr, Verna L., born March 8, 1896, and Clifford E., who was born January 27, 1898. The beloved wife and mother was called away December 15, 1898, and her remains were interred in the West Liberty cemetery. George W. Herr gives his support to the republican party and has served to the general satisfaction of the people as assessor of his township and also as member of the school board. He is recognized as one of the energetic and successful farmers of his section.

B. F. Herr, although now at an age when many men seek to lay aside the cares of business, still takes an active interest in affairs. He has always borne an excellent reputation for honesty and fidelity to every trust and has the satisfaction of knowing that through his labors he and his family are amply provided for so far as finances are concerned. Ever since he arrived at voting age he has been a pronounced supporter of the republican party. He is a staunch

friend of education and served for nineteen years as member of the school board, also filling other public offices whose responsibilities he discharged with the same faithfulness that he has ever displayed in the administration of his own affairs. He and his family are valued members of the Methodist church.

S. H. SMITH, JR.

S. H. Smith, Jr., a well known citizen of Muscatine county, who for fourteen years past has resided at Nichols, is a native of Halifax, Vermont, born November 16, 1841. He is a son of Dr. S. H. and Emeline S. (Putnam) Smith, both born in Windham county, Vermont, the mother being a descendant of General Israel Putnam. They were married in 1840 and five years later removed to Steuben county, New York, where they continued until 1870, when they came to Muscatine county, Iowa, locating permanently at Nichols in 1871. The father built the second house in the town and was proprietor of a drug store, of which his son later took charge. The father devoted his attention to the practice of medicine from 1845 until 1902, when he retired. He departed this life January 27, 1908, at the advanced age of eighty-eight years, and the mother was called away in 1903. The household circle included five children: S. H., our subject; Henry P., who enlisted in the Civil war and died in 1862 at Harpers Ferry while in the Union service; Charles F., who engaged in the lumber business and was killed by an explosion of dynamite in 1889 at Fountain, Colorado; Florence A., who became the wife of S. E. Walcott and is now deceased; and Emma, who died at Nichols, Iowa, in 1906.

S. H. Smith, Jr., was educated in the public schools and continued with his parents until he was nineteen years of age, when he enlisted in the field at Falls Church, Virginia, in Company D, Twenty-third New York Infantry. He engaged in the battle of Cedar Mountain, and, being incapacitated from duty on account of rheumatism, was sent to a hospital at Bedloe Island, New York, and was honorably discharged from service in October, 1862. He returned to Corning, Steuben county, New York, and subsequently entered the employ of the Erie Railroad Company as agent, continuing in this capacity for thirty years, and thus showing a fidelity very greatly to his credit. In 1896 he severed his connection with the railway and has since made his home at Nichols. He is now serving as city weighmaster.

In 1864 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Helen Davenport, of Steuben county, New York, a daughter of Henry Davenport, and a representative of the same family as the man after whom Davenport, Iowa, was named. Mrs. Smith died in December, 1889, and the two children born to her are also deceased. Carrie L., born in 1865, died in 1891 at the age of twenty-six years. Frederick P., born in 1875, died in 1896.

As a young man Mr. Smith responded nobly to the call of President Lincoln to defend the Union and through life it has been with him an abiding principle to discharge every duty to the best of his ability. He has had a varied experience and is a man of wide observation, his opinions being the result of con-

tact with the world, which is the great teacher. Politically he has from the time of reaching manhood been a supporter of the republican party. He has never sought the honors of office, but has served for a number of years as justice of the peace. Socially he is connected with the Masonic lodge at Nichols and the chapter at Owego, New York. He is a firm believer in the authority of the Bible and is identified with the Presbyterian church, as were the members of his family.

JOSEPH MEISKY.

Pennsylvania has contributed many promising sons and daughters to Iowa, who have assisted nobly in developing the resources of their adopted state, thus enhancing its prosperity. Among the number is Joseph Meisky, who comes of worthy parentage, and for forty-three years has made his home in Muscatine county. Born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, October 3, 1851, he is the son of George and Christianna (Schmaling) Meisky, also natives of the Keystone state. The parents were married in Pennsylvania, October 21, 1849, and came to Iowa in 1868, the father cultivating a rented farm in Wilton township, Muscatine county, until his retirement in 1900. He then made his home with his youngest daughter until his death, which occurred in 1905. The mother departed this life in 1901. Their remains were interred in Nichols cemetery. Both were stanch believers in the Bible as the revealed word and were earnest members of the Dunkards church. There were eleven children in their family, of whom seven are still living, the subject of this sketch being the eldest. The others are: George, of White Owl, North Dakota; Jacob, a farmer of Johnson county, Iowa; Elizabeth, the wife of Eriah Carl, a farmer of Nebraska; Katie, who married Madison Kile and after his death became the wife of Charlie Frank, a blacksmith of Johnson county, Iowa; Andrew, now in charge of his sister's farm in Johnson county, Iowa; Louisa, the widow of Samuel Lawrence, now living in Johnson county, Iowa; Emma, who was born July 22, 1850, and died in 1908, at the age of fifty-seven years; Henry, who died October 12, 1863; John, who was born November 9, 1856, and died November 19, 1860; and Anna, who was born March 13, 1867, and died April 23, 1868.

Joseph Meisky came to Iowa with his parents at sixteen years of age and received his education in the public schools, continuing at home and assisting on the farm until reaching manhood. He then began farming on his own account and by conscientious application and good management has attained a competence, his labors yielding a very desirable income. Thoroughly honest in all his dealings, he has always enjoyed the confidence and respect of all who knew him. For a number of years he has been living at Nichols, where he owns a comfortable residence.

On the 3d of October, 1875, Mr. Meisky was united in marriage to Mary C. Kile, who was born in Muscatine county, December 4, 1858, and is the daughter of Jerry and Elizabeth (Lee) Kile. Her father was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and her mother in Ohio. They were married

in Indiana and a few years later came to Iowa, making their home for four years on a farm in Muscatine county. Subsequently the family removed upon a place in Pike township, which had been purchased by Mr. Kile and there continued for many years until it was finally disposed of. The father then rented land until his death, which occurred in 1888. Mrs. Kile was called from earthly scenes October 3, 1899, and was buried beside her husband in Nichols cemetery. There were nine children in their family, the eldest dying in infancy; Madison, who died in 1889, at the age of about thirty years; Mary C., now Mrs. Meisky; George, of Muscatine county, Iowa; Sadie, the wife of Adolph Kiser, of Minnesota; Lydia, who died in 1890, at the age of twenty-three years; Linnie, now Mrs. Charles Berkhart, of West Liberty, Iowa; Callie, wife of Henry Range of Milford, Iowa; and Louis, of Nichols, Iowa.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Meisky: Hattie L., who was born August 4, 1876, and died June 16, 1897; Oliver G., who was born April 8, 1878, and is now living near Nichols; and Louis J., who was born May 12, 1880, and is the owner of a fine home in Nichols.

Politically Mr. Meisky is a supporter of the republican party. In public affairs he is progressive and assists in the advancement of those movements that seem best adapted to promote the general welfare. He has served to the satisfaction of all concerned as member of the school board for two years and also as road supervisor for one year. He and his wife are earnest members of the Methodist church, and those who know them best are unanimously of the opinion that they worthily discharge their duties as intelligent and conscientious members of society.

JOHN ARNOLD MATHEWSON.

The new of the death of John Arnold Mathewson brought a sense of personal bereavement to many with whom he had been associated while still an active factor in the affairs of life. For a few years he was connected with educational interests in Muscatine but during much of his life followed the profession of civil engineering and in his later years served for some time as city engineer here. He had thorough and comprehensive understanding of the business both in its practical and scientific phases and his work brought him a creditable measure of success. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island, January 8, 1829, and was a representative of one of the old families of that state. His great-grandparents lived there and it was in Rhode Island that his grandfather Philip Mathewson, was born on the 3d of May, 1771. Having arrived at years of maturity, he wedded Mary Winsor, who was born April 5, 1772. He died January 9, 1853, while his wife passed away on the 27th of May, 1845. Their son, Isaac Mathewson, also a native of Rhode Island, was for many years a successful wholesale grocer of Providence, where he died August 11, 1833. He first married Phebe Olney and unto them were born three children: Harriet, Phebe and Philip. For his second wife he chose Eliza Arnold, also a native of Rhode Island and a daughter of Philip and Phebe

(Waterman) Arnold, the former born May 15, 1754, and the latter June 30, 1757. Mr. Arnold died December 14, 1824, and his wife's death occurred on the 26th of August, 1807. It was their daughter Eliza who became the second wife of Isaac Mathewson and in their family were the following children; John A., Mary, and a sister who died in infancy.

John Arnold Mathewson spent his youthful days in Providence and in Scituate, Rhode Island. He attended the preparatory school, becoming a student in Smithdale Seminary at Scituate, Rhode Island, while later he continued his studies at Worcester, Massachusetts. He qualified for civil engineering and made it his life work. His success was undoubtedly due in large measure to the fact that he continued always in this business and his broad experience promoted his ability in such a manner that he was always able to obtain good positions and to receive a liberal patronage after he started in business for himself. Leaving New England in 1850, he removed to Chillicothe, Ohio, and engaged in making the survey of the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad. In 1854 he came to Iowa and built a sawmill in Iowa county. He then removed to Muscatine. He began his career as a civil engineer with the Vermont Central Railroad Company when twenty years of age and that profession occupied his attention through much of his life, although from 1860 until 1864 he engaged in teaching in the third ward school of this city. In 1865 he was appointed city engineer and two years later became chief engineer of the Muscatine, Tipton & Anamosa Railway Company. In 1869 he became connected with the Keithsburg branch of the Rock Island & St. Louis Railroad and later was in the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad Company from Dubuque north. He followed railroading in that connection until 1873, in which year he made a survey from Muscatine to Iowa Falls. In the spring of 1880 he superintended the construction of the Wabash bridge and later he again took up survey work with the Iowa Central Railroad Company. In 1882 he superintended the carrying of the chain from Anamosa, Iowa, to Dodge Center, Minnesota, and in February, 1883, he started on a survey from New Boston, Illinois, to Chillicothe, Missouri, and thence returned to New Boston, where he finished up his business by running two lines, each two hundred miles in length, for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company. Afterward he was appointed city engineer of Muscatine, which position he filled for a number of years.

On the 10th of November, 1857, Mr. Mathewson was married to Miss Mary B. Knight, who was born July 6, 1832, in Killingly, Connecticut, a daughter of Benjamin and Amy (Ballou) Knight, who removed to California, settling in Santa Cruz in 1872. There her father, who was born July 23, 1803, died in 1883 at the age of eighty years. His wife, who was born February 7, 1805, passed away at the advanced age of ninety-three years. The paternal grandparents of Mrs. Mathewson were William and Judith (Mathewson) Knight.

The maternal grandfather was Daniel Ballou, who was born October 13, 1780, and died July 6, 1839. He had wedded Mary Brown, who was born February 15, 1779, and died April 5, 1810. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mathewson were born three sons. Isaac, born August 13, 1866, is extensively engaged in farming in old Mexico, near Sante Fe, in Distrito de Alarcon, Estado de Guer-

rero, where he owns a very large estate. He married Mabel Quertermous and they have two children, Mary and John. Benjamin K., born January 19, 1867, died November 16, 1868. Thomas K., born March 10, 1870, is living at Coeneo, Michoacan, Mexico, and married Hally Wood.

The death of Mr. Mathewson occurred October 6, 1892, when he was sixty-three years of age. He was a member of the Methodist church and his life was at all times honorable and upright, characterized by a kindly spirit, a cordial disposition and deference for the opinions and recognition of the rights of others. His many good qualities won for him the kindly regard of all with whom he came in contact. His widow still survives him and has now passed the seventy-eighth milestone on life's journey.

J. E. MAROLF.

J. E. Marolf, who is the owner of a fine farm in Moscow township, which he has placed under a high state of cultivation, making it one of the valuable properties of Muscatine county, is a native of Wilton township, born February 2, 1875. He is a son of John and Elizabeth (Marolf) Marolf, both of whom were born in Switzerland. They came to America in the early '50s and the father purchased land in Muscatine county, where he passed the remainder of his life, being called away in 1907. The mother is still living and has reached the age of sixty-nine years. Mr. Marolf possessed many of the worthy characteristics of the Swiss race and as a farmer exercised a diligence and good judgment which produced very favorable returns. He was a patriotic citizen and assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing the permanent interests of the community in which he made his home. Of the ten children in the family, J. E., of this review, and Edward, who lives in Wilton township, are the only ones now living.

J. E. Marolf even as a boy upon the farm displayed an interest and ability in his work which gave bright prophecy as to his future. He received his education in the district school and after laying his books aside continued on the home farm until he was twenty-four years of age, when he began farming on his own account on rented land in Muscatine county. After the death of his father he moved upon the farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres which he now owns. It is located on section 2, Moscow township, and the visitor readily observes that everything about the place is well cared for. The buildings are ample and conveniently arranged, the animals are well fed and the place is provided with machinery that makes it possible to perform the work with the least expenditure of time and energy. It is clear that Mr. Marolf has scored success both as an agriculturist and as a stock-raiser.

In 1899 Mr. Marolf was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Berg, of Davenport, Iowa, a daughter of William and Anna (Johnson) Berg. The parents were natives of Germany and on coming to America located in Scott county, Iowa, where they continued until their death. Mrs. Marolf is one of a family



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of three children, and three children have also come to brighten the home over which she presides: Anna E., Lena W. and John W.

Mr. and Mrs. Marolf are sincere believers in the Bible and are valued members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Marolf upon arriving at voting age gave his allegiance to the democratic party and he has never seen any reason to change his views politically. He is a staunch friend of education and a firm advocate of the public-school system, serving for seven years past as school director. Fraternally he is identified with Camp No. 2926, M. W. A., of Wilton Junction. He owes his success to his strong determination, formed early in life, to become independent financially and to spare no effort with that object in view. That he has succeeded is evidenced in the financial prosperity which he has attained. He and his estimable wife have many warm friends, who recognize in them the elements that contribute most to the upbuilding of home and the best interests of the community.

H. C. NICHOLS.

It seems right that the men who are at the head of a business which they have themselves developed or who enjoy a high standing in professional circles should be the leaders in a community. Such men have demonstrated their ability and have earned the respect of their fellows. H. C. Nichols, of West Liberty, clearly belongs to the class briefly outlined above. He is not only successful in his business but for nine years past has discharged the duties of city assessor in such a way as to meet the hearty approval of voters of all political parties.

Born in Morrow county, Ohio, September 6, 1850, he is the son of George P. and Elizabeth (St. John) Nichols. The parents were both natives of New York state and removed to Ohio with their respective parents. They grew up and were married in the Buckeye state, coming in 1853 to Muscatine county, where Mr. Nichols entered government land and engaged in farming and stock-raising. In his later years he lived retired at West Liberty, being called away June 6, 1873. His wife departed this life November 5, 1885. There were nine children in their family, namely: F. M., now of Texas; C. W., of Clarke county, Iowa; Durinda, deceased; H. C., of this review; Clara B., of West Liberty; Harriet L., also deceased; Ira A., of Colorado; James D., deceased; and U. S. Grant, now living in eastern Illinois.

H. C. Nichols remained at home assisting his father until twenty-one years of age and then began operating a rented farm in this county. Having acquired the necessary capital, he purchased a place, upon which he lived for thirty years, making it quite valuable by improvements which greatly increased its productiveness. Purchasing nine acres inside the city limits of West Liberty, he engaged in raising Duroc Jersey hogs and is now one of the most extensive breeders along this line in his part of the county. He understands his business thoroughly and it therefore yields a handsome revenue, paying well for the time and labor expended.

On the 22d of February, 1877, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage to Miss Mary F. Pringey, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1854, a daughter of Maryland. The family removed to Iowa and the father died in this state, but the mother passed away in Missouri. Four children have come to brighten George and Effa Pringey, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols: George P., now a clerk in the government postal service on the Rock Island Railroad; Ora B., a graduate of the high school, who was born February 15, 1880, and died September 8, 1909; Ida Pearl, born November 10, 1881, who graduated from the high school and is now the wife of Moray Leon Eby, of West Liberty; and Harold J., a dentist of Casey, Iowa, who was born December 11, 1888, and is a graduate of the high school.

Mr. Nichols ever since attaining his majority has given his support to the republican party and in addition to filling the office of assessor of the city has also served as a member of the school board. He is greatly interested in education as is indicated by the excellent opportunities that were given his children. He was a charter member of Raymond Lodge, No. 146, K. P., and has passed through most of the chairs in that organization. He and his wife are both identified with the Christian church and for a number of years he has filled the office of deacon. He is essentially a man of business talent and inclination, clear in judgment, firm in decision after he has once made up his mind and thoroughly upright in every transaction be it large or small. By perseverance and attention to duty he has gained his present enviable position in the community, where he is known and honored for his genial personal qualities and his unimpeachable character.

A. B. ANDERSON.

Prominent among the citizens of Wapsinonoc township who have assisted by honest toil in building up that portion of the county is the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this review. He is a native of Sweden, born December 6, 1854, and is a son of O. K. and Anna Anderson. The parents were both born in Sweden, and in 1861, when the subject of this review was seven years of age, they came to America and settled in Kane county, Illinois, where they spent two years, then moving to Shelby county. The mother departed this life very soon after her arrival in that county. In 1873 the father took up his residence in Kansas and continued in that state until 1898, when he was called away. He was twice married and by his first union had fifteen children, two of whom are now living: Christina, now the wife of Ben Swanson of Moline, Illinois; and A. B.

Very limited opportunities of education were available to A. B. Anderson, as he was obliged to start out for himself at nine years of age. He worked upon a farm until eighteen, and then became a fireman on the Vandalia Railway. Subsequently he learned the wagonmaker's trade, at which he continued for two years, then engaging in farm work in Rock Island county, Illinois.

After his marriage he worked for two years at his trade in Moline, Illinois, and at the end of that time rented a farm on the Rock river, which he cultivated with a good degree of success for ten years. In 1888 he came to Muscatine county and purchased land in Wapsinonoc township, which he has greatly improved, now being the owner of one hundred and sixty-two and one-half acres on sections 17 and 20. He makes a specialty of raising horses and hogs. His place is supplied with good barns and other buildings, fruit and ornamental trees, and is one of the attractive farms in the township. He is a good judge of stock and has a reputation as a fair dealer, ranking as an honest and upright citizen.

On June 7, 1877, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bachman, who was born in Rock Island, May 25, 1855, a daughter of Mathias and Catherine (Schroder) Bachman, natives of Germany. Mr. Bachman came to this country with his parents when he was a small boy and Mrs. Bachman arrived in America in 1850. They were married in Louisville, Kentucky, and in 1855 located at Rock Island, where Mrs. Bachman is now living at the age of eighty-eight years. The father departed this life in 1903, at the age of seventy-four years. There were eight children in their family, seven of whom are now living. Ten children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, namely: George M., now of West Liberty; William, at home; Anna, deceased; Nettie G., a graduate of the West Liberty high school and now a teacher at Steamboat Springs, Colorado; Albert, at home; Andrew and Paul, of West Liberty; Mabel, a graduate of the high school and now the wife of Charles Connelly, of Canada; Nellie J., a graduate of the high school and now engaged in teaching; and Edwin, now a student in the high school.

Owing to their generous hospitality and kindly spirit, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have greatly endeared themselves to friends and acquaintances and are today numbered among the worthy residents of Muscatine county. He was reared in the Lutheran faith, while she was reared a Catholic. Politically Mr. Anderson is a staunch supporter of the republican party and, being a sincere friend of education, as is indicated by the excellent training received by his children, he has served most acceptably as a member of the school board.

HENRY R. RUESS.

Henry R. Ruess, a prosperous farmer of Wapsinonoc township, is a native of Muscatine county, born July 31, 1860. He is a son of John and Margaret (Burger) Ruess, both of whom were born in Germany. The father came to America in 1853 and worked for four years as a farm hand in Muscatine county. He then went to Minnesota, where he took up a government claim and lived for two years. Returning to this county, he married Miss Frances Fisher, who lived only a short time, and in 1859 he was again married, his second wife being Margaret Burger. He rented land for several years and then purchased a farm which became the home place. There were eight children in his family, of whom Henry R. is the eldest, the others being: Anna, now the wife of Walter Romaine; Frank, of Wapsinonoc township; Katherine of Iowa City; Rosalie, deceased;

Frances and James W., at home; and Elizabeth, of Iowa City. The father departed this life December 17, 1908, but the mother is still living on the old homestead.

Henry R. Ruess received his preliminary education in the district schools and assisted in the work of the home farm until he was twenty-one years of age, when he began farming on his own account on rented land. After several years, having carefully saved his earnings, he purchased sixty acres in Wapsinonoc township, which he cultivated to such good advantage that he was enabled to buy more land and is now the owner of a beautiful farm of two hundred and sixty acres. He has greatly improved the place by erecting buildings and planting trees, and its appearance indicates that he thoroughly understands the business to which he has devoted the best energies of his life. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, although he is also very successful as a general farmer. On account of his excellent character he stands very high in the estimation of the community and his word is accepted as readily as his bond. He is a stockholder of the Citizens' Savings Bank and each year his financial resources have shown a gratifying increase.

In 1890 Mr. Ruess was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Brugman, who was born in Wapsinonoc township, in June, 1865, a daughter of John and Theresa (Fraricks) Brugman, both natives of Germany. The parents came to America in 1849 and after spending one year in New York state traveled westward to Scott county, Iowa, removing to Muscatine county in 1865. Mr. Brugman became one of the substantial farmers of this county and passed away in January, 1890, his wife having died in November, 1889. There were ten children in their family, five of whom are now living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ruess four children have been born, namely: Albert J., a graduate of the West Liberty high school; Antoinette E., also a graduate of the high school; Louis F.; and Agnes A.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruess are faithful members of the Catholic church and Mr. Ruess is known as a public-spirited citizen who is ever ready to give his support to any worthy object that will promote the general welfare. Politically he affiliates with the democratic party. He has never cared for the honors or emoluments of public office, but has served most creditably as a member of the school board.

N. M. PHILLIPS.

In the list of old soldiers of Muscatine county, the name of N. M. Phillips occupies an honored place, he having served with great credit in the thickest of the fray. He is also numbered among the prosperous farmers now living retired, and today on account of a well spent life no citizen of the county stands higher in the estimation of the community. Born in this county, March 22, 1840, he is a son of A. B. and Eliza J. (Meek) Phillips, both of whom were natives of Virginia. They were married in their native state and came to Muscatine county in 1839. The father leased a tract of land and moved with

his family into a log cabin which was covered with clapboards, had a dirt floor and chimney made of sticks held together with clay. In this primitive home the parents lived until 1858, when he purchased a farm of one hundred acres two miles south of West Liberty, to which he removed. After cultivating this place for five years he sold it and purchased another fine farm two miles southward, where he continued until his death, which occurred March 9, 1884. His wife departed this life nineteen years later, on May 30, 1903, at the age of ninety-five years. Ten children were born to them, one of whom died in infancy, and John, George, Julia, Eliza and Mary passed away after arriving at maturity. Those still living are: William, of West Liberty; Solomon, of Muscatine county; N. M., of this review; and Preston, of Scott county, Iowa.

N. M. Phillips received his early education in the district schools and assisted his father upon the home farm until August, 1862, when he responded to the call of his country and enlisted in Company D, Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry, for three years. The regiment was engaged in many of the great battles, among which were those of Nashville, Tennessee; Jackson, Mississippi; Pleasant Hill, and many minor engagements. Mr. Phillips was also present at the siege of Vicksburg, and although he was many times exposed at close range to the fire of the enemy he was never wounded. At Davenport, Iowa, in 1865, he received his honorable discharge, and, returning to Muscatine county, he rented the old home farm, of which he later came into possession. There he lived until 1906, when he removed to West Liberty. He now owns the homestead of two hundred and five acres on sections 23 and 34, and also one hundred and thirty-seven acres on section 25, Wapsinonoc township. He made a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and cattle and also of raising Percheron horses, gaining quite a reputation as a breeder of horses which compared favorably with the same stock produced elsewhere in the country.

On the 13th of January, 1867, Mr. Phillips was united in marriage to Miss Marie O'Hearn, who was born in Knox county, Ohio. Her parents, James and Mary (Hammond) O'Hearn, were natives of Ohio and Maryland respectively. Mr. O'Hearn died in Ohio, and subsequently his widow moved with her children to Muscatine county, where she located on a farm. She passed away in 1857. There were five children in the family, three of whom are now living: Mary F., the wife of Frank Hopkins of Chicago; Anna, now Mrs. W. S. Hunter of Newell, Iowa, and Marie, now Mrs. Phillips. Two children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips: Chester A., who is engaged in farming in Madison county, Iowa; and Bertha F., wife of Dr. H. E. Martin, of Clinton, Iowa. There are also ten promising grandchildren, seven boys and three girls.

Mr. Phillips gives his support to the democratic party, and, although he has never sought public office, he has served to the general satisfaction of the people as a member of the school board. He is identified with Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M., at West Liberty, and Mrs. Phillips is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, being an active worker in that organization. They are both firm believers in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and are connected with the Christian church. He is a man of wide experience, a good conversationalist

and a pleasing companion. He has shown himself to be an able business manager and also to be the possessor of those characteristic, without which success in life is hardly attainable. He has always been loyal and faithful to every trust and is justly entitled to a place in a work of permanent interest to people of Muscatine county.

JOHN A. HOOPES.

John A. Hoopes, the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and fifty-four acres in Lake township, Muscatine county, upon which he has made all the improvements, was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, April 12, 1849, a son of Lindley and Mary Hoopes. He was reared under the kindly influences of a peaceable home and was educated in the district schools of Lake township, this county, and later in the city schools of Muscatine. He continued at home until twenty-one years of age and then began teaching school, continuing to follow that occupation for four years. On March 1, 1875, he entered into partnership with his father in farming and the livestock business, and seven years later purchased the farm which he now owns, it being originally a part of the home place. Here he erected a substantial residence and a large barn, also adding in many other ways to the appearance and value of the place. Being a man of industry and good judgment, he has been highly successful, and is recognized as one of the substantial farmers of Lake township. In 1875 Mr. Hoopes established the well known High Prairie herd of registered shorthorn cattle. Such choicely bred sires as Prince of Denmark IV, 76965; Golden Hero, 119418; Gold Bug, 123043, having been used in the herd. The young bull, Scottish Lavender, 335284, now heads the herd.

On September 5, 1894, Mr. Hoopes was united in marriage to Miss Martha Butler, who was born in Lake township in 1858 and was a daughter of William L. and Martha A. (Baumgardner) Butler. Her father was a native of Ohio and her mother of Virginia. They came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1837, and were among its early settlers. Her grandfather, George Baumgardner, was also a pioneer of Muscatine county. He entered a large tract of land in Dallas county, Iowa, and was also an extensive landowner in this county. There were eleven children in the family of William L. and Martha A. Butler, and to Mr. and Mrs. Hoopes one child, Clarence B., was born. He is now living with his father. Mrs. Hoopes passed away August 3, 1895, and was buried in High Prairie cemetery. On December 29, 1897, Mr. Hoopes was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Cornelia L. Hitchcock, a native of Lake township, who was born February 25, 1865. She is a daughter of Josiah and Phoebe Cassandra (Chapman) Hitchcock. Her father was born in Ohio and in 1847 came west to Muscatine county, Iowa, where he stopped for a short time, then going to California. Later he returned east to Ohio and in 1853 again came to Muscatine county, where he rented a farm for five years. In 1858 Mr. Hitchcock was united in marriage to Miss Phoebe Cassandra Chapman and settled on his newly acquired farm of a quarter of a section in Lake township, where he made

his home until his death on the 15th of February, 1904. His wife passed away January 5, 1911. There were ten children in their family. Three children have come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hoopes: Leslie W., J. Wendel and Ernest W.

Mr. Hoopes inherited from worthy parents many fine qualities, and in the course of an active life has contributed in many ways toward enhancing the comfort and happiness of those with whom he has associated. He and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which he has taken a great interest. He has for many years served as steward and trustee. Politically he affiliates with the republican party, accepting its principles as those best adapted for the prosperity of the country. His abilities have been recognized by his friends and acquaintances, and he has served for several years as justice of the peace and for three terms as clerk of his township. He is now serving as a member of the school board and, being a man of great public spirit, never withholds his support from any enterprise that he believes will advance the permanent interest of the community.

EDWARD J. STAFFORD.

Among the faithful soldiers of the Civil war now living retired in Muscatine county should be named Edward J. Stafford, for forty-four years a resident of Nichols. He is a native of Ohio, born September 5, 1842, and is a son of Dr. James and Mary (Rowland) Stafford, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Pennsylvania. They were married in Ohio and remained there until the death of his wife, which occurred in 1845. There were six children in the family: Freeman, now living retired in California; Amanda, who married Thomas Johns, of West Liberty, Iowa, and died at the age of fifty-five years; Annie and Mary, both deceased; Edward J., our subject; and Andrew J., a carpenter of West Liberty, Iowa. Shortly after the death of the mother of these children, Dr. Stafford was married to Hannah Dickinson, also a native of Ohio, and by this union six children were born, namely: Mary A., the wife of Thomas Roland, of What Cheer, Iowa, now living retired; Thomas J., a barber of Audubon county, Iowa; Julia, the widow of Bert Hibbs of Victor, Iowa; Kate, who married Edward Gilbert, a farmer of Bellefontaine, Ohio; James R., a carpenter of Thornburg, Iowa; and William R., who died in infancy. After his second marriage, Dr. Stafford devoted his attention to the practice of medicine in Ohio and later in Iowa after his arrival in this state. He passed away in 1872, his widow departing this life eight years later. He was a man of many fine qualities and as a physician was eminently successful.

Edward J. Stafford received his education in the public schools and continued at home until he was nineteen years of age, when, on October 7, 1861, he enlisted for a period of three years in the Union service as a member of Company A, Second Iowa Cavalry. The regiment belonged to the Army of the West and participated in many of the leading battles along the Mississippi river and in the adjacent states. Mr. Stafford was present at the engagements at New Mad-

rid, Island No. 10, the battles of Farmington, Corinth, Boonville, Pocahontas, Memphis and others of importance, acquitting himself at all times in such a way as to receive the commendation of the officers of his company. He was honorably discharged at Davenport, Iowa, October 24, 1864. After leaving the army he followed farming in Muscatine county until 1875, when he retired to Nichols, where he has since lived. He is the owner of a handsome home in that place.

On the 25th of November, 1887, Mr. Stafford was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Mizner, of Kansas, a native of Illinois and daughter of William Mizner. Her family removed from Illinois to Kansas in 1872 and the father is still living in that state at the age of seventy-two years. The mother is deceased. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mizner, all of whom are living in Kansas except two who make their home in Iowa.

Politically Mr. Stafford is a stanch adherent of the republican party. He has held a number of offices of trust and responsibility and was postmaster at Nichols under Presidents Cleveland and McKinley, serving a period of eight years. He was also assessor of his township for six years, township clerk for four years and justice of the peace for ten years. He filled the office of city clerk two years and was member of the council for four years. He is identified with Stainless Lodge, No. 445, A. F. & A. M., at Nichols, and for forty-three years past he has been connected with Nichols Lodge, No. 665, I. O. O. F. He has filled most of the chairs in the latter lodge and is now its treasurer. He also holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and has been a delegate to the Grand Lodge of that organization, being at the present time the oldest member of the order in the state of Iowa. He and his wife are faithful members of the Methodist church, the latter being superintendent of the Junior League and an active church worker. Mr. Stafford has always been conscientious and faithful in the discharge of his duties, both public and private, and he therefore is greatly esteemed by his friends and neighbors and by all who are acquainted with his sterling qualities.

L. O. MOSHER.

The earliest record of any great authenticity we have of the Mosher family is found in the Manchester Court Leet records, Manchester, England. There it is recorded that on the 2d of September, 1616, William Mosyer was appointed "bylawman." In the records of the probate court, Chester,—Manchester being a part of the bishopric of Chester and all wills of Manchester and Lancashire having to be proved at Chester—it is found that the will of William Mosier was recorded there in 1621. It is also found in the records of Manchester that there was living there from 1614 to 1620 one William Mosier, designated from 1614-5 to 1620 as a "silk weaver," and in 1619 as "gentleman." In his will made in 1620 he calls himself "a chapman," a term meaning merchant or general dealer. In his will it is shown that he was a man of a family as he names Tomasin, his wife, and two minor children, Mary, aged four years, and John, aged eighteen months. It is also found in another record that a son Samuel had been buried



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at Manchester. He had a mother living when he made his will as in it he bequeaths to her "a piece of gold of two and twenty shillings." He also names four brothers, John, Thomas, Stephen and George. There the record of the family closes so far as is now certainly known, and to connect the family of William Mosier, of Manchester, England, with Hugh Mosier, of Dartmouth, Massachusetts, can only be done by the evidence of inference. Hugh Mosier was born in 1635 but where is not known. He certainly was not the son of William Mosier, but he may have been the son of one of the four brothers of William. The similarity of family names in England and in the colonies is evidence to justify the conclusion that they were of one and the same family. Of the authenticity of Hugh Mosier, of Dartmouth, there is no doubt. The dissimilarity of the spelling of the sir name of the different families is somewhat confusing as we find it spelled Mosyer, Mosier, Moshier, Mosher, but a careful study of records convinces that all had a common origin as attested by the similarity of the family names.

In America the Mosher family has an unbroken line of ancestry for two hundred and seventy-five years, beginning with Hugh Mosier, who was then living in Bristol, Rhode Island. The place of his birth is not known. Tradition says he was a descendant of Sir Hugh Mosier of England. In the colonial records and in the records of the Dartmouth (Mass.) monthly meeting of the Friends is recorded the marriage of Hugh Mosier to Lydia Maxon or Dixon. This discrepancy in the records no doubt arose from the illegibility in the writing of one or the other of the records, as they agree as to the place of residence and the names of their children. He bought land in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts, in 1689, made his will in 1709 and died in 1713. John, the son of Hugh, was living in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, in 1673, where he married Experience—last name not known. Tradition says she was one of a shipload of spinsters brought from Europe and traded to the colonists for a cargo of tobacco, and that they became wives to the colonists. John died August 1, 1739, and Experience, March 5, 1745. They had five children. By the time the fourth generation from Hugh Mosier came on the stage of action the family had scattered through Rhode Island, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont, New York and possibly Maine. In 1794 Asa, descending from Hugh Mosier, through the line of his son John, was married to Bethiah, descending from Hugh Mosier through the line of his son Nicholas. They were married at Dartmouth, Massachusetts, February 27, 1794, and went to Granville, New York, where they made a home in the wilderness. There were there born to them eleven children, seven sons, namely: Obadiah, Robert, Asa, Peleg, Stephen, Joseph and John, and four daughters, Ruth, Esther, Peace and Hannah. All grew to adult age and all had families except Joseph, who died childless. The daughters all married widowers. John, the youngest son, lived to the age of ninety-seven years. The average age of these eleven children and their parents was more than seventy years.

In 1818 Asa, who followed agriculture, traded his farm for a stock of merchandise and with his entire family migrated by team to Marion, now Morrow county, Ohio, making the journey by team and sleds in the winter. In Ohio he cleared a farm in the beech woods, where he again engaged in farming, also in blacksmithing and milling. He lived to see all his children in homes of their own

in his immediate vicinity. The house he built on his farm more than eighty years ago is still standing and is occupied by a descendant. The nails with which it was fastened together he hammered out on his anvil. The doors were fashioned, railroad style, that is, they were double thick and the boards in their construction were placed at an angle across each other, thus making them of great strength. This precaution was taken as a safeguard against incursions of the Indians, which were liable to occur at any time. Indians were their most plentiful neighbors, some of them wild and some semi-civilized. One old Indian was a frequent visitor at the Mosher home and in discussing the problem of the civilizing of the Indians would say: "The way to do it is for the white man to marry the squaws and the white women the Indians." There were, until recent years, orchards of apple trees all through that region, the seeds of which were planted by a character called Johnny Appleseed who traveled through the country from New York westward as a missionary. In his journeyings he carried with him a sack of apple seeds and would plant them wherever he found a spot suitable. Asa Mosher died in 1843 and his wife in 1856. While none of the family were strictly pioneers, their tendencies were ever to follow closely in the wake of the true pioneers. Being driven out of the old country by religious persecutions, they followed in the path of the Pilgrims and came to America. As the colonists spread over the adjacent country they followed. Thus Asa left the older settled portion of Massachusetts and settled in the newer region of New York. Then when Ohio became the Mecca of the settlers, he moved on to that state, from which point his descendants pushed on, Obadiah with his family of eight children migrating to Wisconsin in 1845. In 1853 Asa with a family of eight children, and Stephen, also with eight children, loaded their household goods into wagons and pushed on westward to the land of promise which was Iowa. Asa located in Warren county, where he died in 1886. Stephen stopped in Muscatine county, where he died in 1891. The other children of Asa and Bethiah Mosher remained in Ohio, where many of their descendants are yet to be found. From these centers of habitation the descendants radiated to many sections still farther west and were only stopped when the Pacific barred their way.

It is now with Stephen Mosher's family we have to do, as they alone represent the family in this county. His wife, Ruth Smith, was of a long line of ancestry in America, which is lost from record save that she was born in Dutchess county, New York, the daughter of Israel and Elsy (Southwick) Smith. Her paternal grandparents were David and Mary (Yeomans) Smith. They came to Ohio at an early day where the eldest son Isaac entered a piece of land, on which they made their home. The family was much afflicted. The father for many years was blind and the three sons all died together in a well from damps. A daughter, also died the same season and the mother the year following. Ruth Mosher's opportunities for school training were very limited, consisting of only three months all told. Her only book was a speller. But on that meager foundation she builded a liberal education, such as was attained by but few in those days. She lived to the age of ninety-one years, retaining her faculties and her interest in the world's doings to the day of her death. Mr. and Mrs. Mosher settled on a farm, long known as Edgewood, on the northern line of Muscatine county near

its western limit, which for fifty-eight years has been in the possession of the family and is now occupied by a granddaughter and her family.

Of the Mosher family there was an unbroken line of eight generations of Quakers. They were a plain people as their religious affiliations would denote and disposed to practice the simpler vocations of life, hence most of them followed agriculture and can boast with almost equal truth, like Henry Wallace, of the Wallace Farmer, that in the hundreds of years of American history there had been no officeholders among them. But in the later generations there have been many holders of minor offices of profit and trust, and some have even reached to legislative honors and one aspired as high—unsuccessfully—as to contest a seat in the national senate. On the subject of slavery they were openly known to be unequivocally opposed to it and deemed the law of human justice to be above the law of man and in that belief were persistent in their efforts to aid the oppressed African to liberty and to overthrow the iniquitous system of slavery. In Ohio they were on a line of the underground railway; some of the members kept stations on the line, while others acted as conductors, passing the fleeing slaves along from station to station on their way to safety and liberty. In the Stephen Mosher residence there was one room in which the children were at times not permitted to enter and much to their wonderment they saw plates of food passed into the room and empty plates handed out, but no explanation of this strange proceeding was vouchsafed them. Works of fiction were tabooed in that household until 1852, when Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was published, when it was purchased, which proved an entering wedge for that class of literature to the household. Politically Stephen Mosher was originally of the free soil party but with the organization of the republican party in 1856 he cast his ballot for John C. Fremont and from that time to the day of his death was an ardent republican. While as a non-combatant he could not engage in warfare, his sense of the "higher law" impelled him to aid in the amelioration of want and woe and anguish from whatever cause, and when the Civil war was waging his purse-string was loosened for the benefit of its sufferers, whether it were soldiers in the service or their families at home. Stephen Mosher and his wife were of the original members of the Hicksite meeting of Friends in the county and for many years the mid-week meeting of the society was at their home. This arrangement continued till the erection of their house of worship on the northwest quarter of section 1, township 78 north, range 4 west, in 1862. It stood there for several years, when it was moved to West Liberty, where it now stands on Calhoun and Eighth streets and is still used as a meeting place for the remnant of the society still remaining. With the seventh generation from Hugh Mosher the religious trend of the family began to be affected by their environment and they became members of other religious orders with which they came in contact, the Methodist Protestants, the Baptists, the Bible Christians, the Presbyterians, the Disciples of Christ, the Congregationalists, Progressive Friends, the Methodist Episcopal and perhaps others.

The children of Stephen and Ruth Mosher were as follows: Elizabeth, born October 18, 1829, passed away on the 3d of May, 1832. Lemuel, born May 25, 1831, died May 8, 1832. Elizabeth Jane, born May 20, 1833, in Morrow county, Ohio, married Isaac E. Schooley, a carpenter and farmer, the ceremony occur-

ring on the 28th of September, 1856. They settled on a farm in Cedar county. Their family were as follows: Mary, born October 25, 1857, died May 27, 1889. Stephen M., born April 2, 1859, married Louie Fenstermaker; they went to Sac county and opened a farm there; he died in West Liberty, February 3, 1889; they had one child, Claud O., who was a graduate of the West Liberty high school of the Iowa State College, in the electrical engineering department, and took a post-graduate course at Harvard; he is now in business in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Phineas M., born in January, 1862, married Nellie Crane, and they now live on a farm in Cedar county; their children are: Howard; Carl, who married Georgiana Conklin of Centerdale, Iowa, on the 22d of February, 1910; Clifford; Harry; Ralph; Earl; Fern and Ethel, both now deceased. Ruth, born April 1, 1867; married I. D. Pownall of Centerdale, Iowa, where they live on a farm. Their children are: Paul, Everet and Elizabeth. Addison E., born in January, 1871, married Cora Stanton of New Sharon, Iowa; their child is Erma Rebecca; they now live in Pasadena, California, where he is in the real-estate and other business. Rachel, born April 26, 1872, died August 9, 1872. Elizabeth Jane Schooley died August 9, 1892, and Isaac E. Schooley died on the 30th of March, 1903.

Hannah, the fourth child of Stephen and Ruth Mosher, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, July 5, 1835, and on the 16th of December, 1855, married James S. Barclay, a farmer and carpenter. Their children were: Kate, born March 4, 1857, married George S. Nichols, a farmer, the ceremony being celebrated on the 3d of March, 1880. Their children were: Archie, who died in infancy; Edith, who married Jesse James, a farmer, on the 25th of September, 1907, and Edna and Harry. Marcus M., born January 28, 1861, married Lizzie Hull of Missouri, where they now live on a farm; their children are James Neil and Ella. Winfred J., born October 30, 1871, married Myrtle Propst on the 31st of January, 1906. They live on a farm and have one daughter, Blanch, born June 9, 1907. James S. Barclay died March 16, 1896, while his wife, Hannah (Mosher) Barclay, passed away December 8, 1904.

Ruth, the next in order of birth, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, December 1, 1837. She was married December 9, 1858, to Matthias Wilson, a carpenter, farmer and soldier. Their children were: Harvey L., born December, 1860, who was a carpenter and farmer by occupation. He married Mary J. Taylor of Andes, New York, January 11, 1906, and they are now residing on a farm near Elliott, Iowa, but are preparing to go to Idaho to make their home. Elsy, born September 3, 1862, died March 19, 1885. Lizzie, born in 1866, married Ernest Eggleston, an electrician of Salida, Colorado. They now live near Post Falls, Idaho, and their children are Anna Virginia and Clarence. John Henry, born in February, 1868, married Jennie Griswold, of Columbus Junction, Iowa. He has been a farmer, carpenter, electrician and is now engaged in the real-estate business in Colorado. Edward Grant, born in 1872, is a farmer and carpenter. He was married on the 9th of February, 1893, to Annie Van Tuyle of Nichols, Iowa, and their children are Mary Elsy, Orpha Ruth, Edith Clea, Francis Marion and Adrian Matthias. Esther, born in 1879, married George Anderson, a farmer and merchant, and their children are Everett Lee and Raymond. Carl, born in 1880, died on the 13th of December, 1894. Wilbur M., who was

born in 1881, was married on the 28th of June, 1905, to Teresa Stewart and their daughter, Grace, was born October 15, 1907. He is a graduate of West Liberty high school, of the mechanical engineering department of the Iowa State College and also took a post-graduate course at Cornell University, New York. He is now in business in Chicago.

Mary S., the seventh in the family of Stephen and Ruth Mosher, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, on the 7th of October, 1842. She was married on the 12th of March, 1868, to Blackburn Vore, a widower, who engaged in farming and blacksmithing in Fredericktown, Ohio. Their children were: Amanda E., born April 23, 1869, died June 5, 1877; Joseph B., born September 5, 1871, died June 3, 1872; Henry M., born November 23, 1873, married Anna Miles of West Branch, Iowa, and their children are: Edwin, deceased; Esther and Bertha. He followed farming, carpentering, mail-carrying and preaching, and they are now on a farm near Amistad, New Mexico. Edward L., born February 14, 1878, died on the 25th of September of that year. The father, Blackburn Vore, passed away in 1893.

Esther Ann, the eighth in order of birth, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, March 15, 1845, and on the 4th of January, 1872, was married to Wellington K. Eggleston, a widower of Boulder, Colorado. They began housekeeping in Fremont county, Colorado, living in a covered wagon while erecting a house of poles scarce six feet in height and roofed with poles and earth. It was in the midst of a vast mountain wilderness, with but one habitation in many miles and that one a bachelor's. There they lived the first year, clearing and fitting the land for cropping. He was away some of the time working at his profession of dentistry in the distant towns and villages, while she remained on the ranch alone save for the companionship of a three-year-old boy, the son of Wellington K. Eggleston by a former marriage. They had seven children: Elsy, born February 6, 1873, married Louis Freeman, a rancher of Howard, Colorado, by whom she had six children: Elmer L., Arthur W., Howard M., Pearl, Orvil and Floyd J. Wallace L., born May 11, 1874, married on the 1st of August, 1906, Eleanor Briggs of Pasadena, California, and their children are Solon W. and Alwin H. They now make their home in Monrovia, California, and he is in business in Los Angeles as an architectural draftsman. Myra, born June 1, 1876, married John M. Nelson of Longmont, Colorado, and they now reside in Ouray, where he is in the mercantile business. They have one child, John N. Effie, born January 31, 1878, married W. E. Gardner of Bozeman, Colorado, and their children are: a son, now deceased; Alice; and Theodore. They make their home on a large ranch near Center, Colorado, and Mr. Gardner is a member of the lower house of the state legislature. Alwin, born July 5, 1888, is now a resident of Pasadena, California.

Bethiah Elsy, another daughter of Stephen Mosher, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, August 11, 1850. She was married to A. D. Sinclair, of Muscatine, Iowa, on the 6th of February, 1873, and their only child, Olive, born in December, 1873, died on the 1st of May, 1874. The mother, Bethiah (Mosher) Sinclair, passed away in Fremont county, Colorado, June 2, 1874. The six daughters of Stephen and Ruth Mosher were all school teachers, following that occupation to the time of their marriage.

Henry, the second son of the family of Stephen Mosher, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, March 27, 1840. He came to Iowa with his parents in 1853 and remained at home till his marriage to Henrietta D. Gibson, March 28, 1861. They began housekeeping on a part of his father's farm in Cedar county, where they remained one year, then moved to another farm farther away in Cedar county, remaining there for a time, after which they returned to his parental estate and occupied either the Cedar or Muscatine county part of the parental acres till their removal to West Liberty in 1903. He received only the common-school education of those days, which meant only about three months' attendance after his twelfth year. The schools were never less than two miles away and one term it was three miles that he had to walk night and morning. During the war of the rebellion he drilled with the Home Guards. Politically he has always been a republican with minor variations in late years. For some years after their marriage he and his wife held to the tenets of the church of their parents, but later they joined the Baptist church at Downey, Iowa, and still later transferred their membership to the Disciples of Christ church in West Liberty. He held several offices of trust, was for many years an active member of the school board, was township assessor for several years and held still other offices of importance. Their children are: Walter G., born January 11, 1862, in Cedar county, Iowa, married Bertha Birkett on the 19th of January, 1887, and followed farming for several years, when they came to West Liberty, where he found employment in the undertaking and furniture business and is now in the mercantile business but in another line. They have six children: Clark, Clayton, Elsy, Donald, Irwin and Kenneth. Charles E. was born January 20, 1866, in Cedar county, and on the 20th of December, 1888, was married to Edith Birkett. He followed farming for a time and then came to West Liberty, where he is now in the real estate and insurance business. His children are Bessie, Benjamin, Leslie, Gladys, Ruth and Burton. Henry Remington, born May 6, 1869, died February 9, 1886. Mary L., born in Muscatine county on the 23d of January, 1874, was married on the 28th of June, 1894, to Frank Myers of Centerdale, Iowa, and they settled on a farm in Cedar county. Their children are Harold, Glen, Kenneth, Waldo and Vernon. Of this number Kenneth is now deceased. Frank J. Myers died December 10, 1909. Mrs. Myers bought the Stephen Mosher farm, known as Edgewood, in October of 1910, and will occupy it in the year 1911. Frederick E. was born in Muscatine county April 14, 1876, and on the 16th of January, 1901, married Mary Holloway of West Liberty. They now live on a farm near Anthony, Kansas, and have two children, Earnestine and Mary Henrietta. Bessie, born May 19, 1881, died in March, 1883.

The wife of Henry Mosher, Henrietta D. (Gibson) Mosher, traces her lineage on her father's side to early days in American annals. They were a numerous family as early as the first census of the American colonies which was taken in 1790. Her father, Joseph M. Gibson, went from Maryland to Ohio and later to Iowa, where he settled on a farm on the southern edge of Cedar county, but later moved over into Muscatine county. He was living in Cedar county at the time John Brown was passing back and forth across Iowa, when he was making his incursions into Kansas and Missouri and he—John Brown—stopped for a time at the home of the Gibsons. He also had the honor of taking by the hand

General La Fayette at Fredericktown, Maryland, when the general was on his memorable visit to this country in 1824. On her maternal side Mrs. Mosher is of the sixth generation from Mary Dyer, of historic fame, who for "preaching a heresy"—she was a minister in the Quaker church—was ordered "to depart from the jurisdiction of the colony of Massachusetts on pain of death." She was a disciple of and co-worker with Anne Hutchinson and shared her exile. She obeyed the mandate of the court, but in October of the same year returned to offer up her life, a martyr to her convictions. She with some others was arrested and cast into prison. They were arraigned and tried under a law that banished Quakers under pain of death. With three others she was found guilty. The others were executed but she was reprieved at the earnest solicitation of her son on condition that she leave the colony within forty-eight hours. Against her will she was conveyed out of the colony but at the first opportunity returned, was again arrested, tried and convicted of the crime of "rebellious sedition and obtruding herself after banishment, under pain of death." She was executed by hanging on Boston Commons, June 1, 1660.

Lemuel O. Mosher, son of Stephen and Ruth Mosher, was born in Morrow county, Ohio, April 28, 1847. At the age of six years he came with his father's family to Iowa. His youthful days were passed in the country schools and on the farm, when not roaming over the prairies and through the woods lying contiguous to his parents' home. He finished his scholastic career by eleven months' attendance at private and graded schools at West Branch, Iowa, under the tutelage of those eminent educators, Joel and Hannah Bean. Leaving school, he returned for a few months to the home of his childhood in Ohio and then came back to Iowa, where he conducted his father's farm for a number of years. He was married to Lidorana D. White of Iron Hill, Iowa, September 29, 1870. They began housekeeping in a part of his father's house, where they resided two years, then moved over the line into Cedar county, where they remained two years, then moved to Fremont county, Colorado, where they tried true pioneering. In the valley where they located there were but two families within six miles. It was eight miles to a postoffice, thirty-five miles to a trading point and forty-three miles to a railroad and telegraph. Bears, mountain lions, coyotes and deer were their commonest neighbors. For about two years they struggled with the privations of pioneering. It was a wild, free life, besought with many privations and dangers but had much of compensation in the pure, invigorating atmosphere and the grandeur of the rugged mountain scenery. For nearly two years they strove to overcome the adverse conditions that environed them. In the summer of their first year there the grasshopper scourge literally rained down from the heavens upon them until the country was eaten bare of vegetation by the marauding hosts. Again the next year the scourge was repeated, when they gave up the struggle and returned to the home in Iowa they had left. There they remained for another two years, when they again took up their abode at the parental home, which they eventually purchased, and there remained until their removal to West Liberty in the autumn of 1910.

To Lemuel and Lidorana Mosher were born six children. Harold, born May 30, 1872, died the same day. Laurence H., born November 22, 1873, died June 10, 1877. Henry L., born in Fremont county, Colorado, March 21, 1875.

married Ella M. Waters of Downey, Iowa, on the 24th of November, 1897. Their children are: Lysle C., born in Muscatine county, August 9, 1898; and Beulah, born in Cedar county October 16, 1904. Henry L. Mosher received a common-school education and has followed farming all his life. Bethiah L., born March 24, 1877, died March 31, 1880. Arthur T., born April 17, 1880, followed farming and carpentering when not in school. He graduated from the West Liberty high school and entered Iowa State College in the electrical engineering department, but his health failing, he went to Paonia, Colorado, where he died February 12, 1906. Martin L. was born in Muscatine county April 12, 1882. He attended the country school until he graduated, then took the high school course at West Liberty, graduating with the class of 1902. He also took a full four years' course at Iowa State College in the agronomy department, graduating in 1905 with the honors of his class. He married Elva K. Forman of Ames, Iowa, also a graduate of the Iowa State College, in the domestic science department. They were married December 29, 1908, and at once went to Mexico, where he was employed on the hacienda of Louis Gorozpe. On his graduation he at once found employment in the college work and with the exception of about two years passed in the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico, on the hacienda of Lic Luis Gorozpe, an extensive landowner, where he was called to teach the modern American methods of agriculture, he has been in the extension department of the college, now filling the place of director of the farms crops extension department. Martin L. and Elva K. Mosher have one child, Arthur Theodore, born October 4, 1910.

Lemuel O. Mosher and his wife have been members of the Methodist Protestant church for forty years. He was for several years superintendent of the Linn Grove Sunday school, was for twenty years a member of the school board, serving as director, treasurer and secretary. He held the office of township trustee for eight years and was township assessor. Politically he has voted for every republican president since attaining his majority, but farther than that has wielded a free lance, deeming at times measures of more importance than men and at other times the men more important than party measures.

The wife of Lemuel O. Mosher, Lidorana D. White, is of a long line of American ancestry, as history records that William White, an Irishman, came to America with the Pilgrims in 1620. But the real founder of the family in America was a William White, who came to this country from England in 1688. He is supposed to be a nephew of the William White first mentioned. He was one of the founders of the town of Salisbury, Connecticut. This family were also tillers of the soil, just plain common people, like the immortal Lincoln designated as the "loved of the Lord or he would not have made so many of them." On her maternal side her great-grandfather, Giles Wing, served in the American army in the Revolution as a general. Her grandfather, Peter White, Sr., lived to the age of ninety-four years. He was the father of eighteen children, all by one wife. Lidorana had five brothers, four of whom served in the army during the rebellion, entering as privates. One was discharged for disability, one came home a sergeant and one a lieutenant, while the other served to the end of the war as a private.

Of the more recent generations of this prolific family, there has been a widening of occupations, for there are now found among them mechanics, lawyers, doctors, politicians, ministers, professors, teachers and merchants in many lines of commerce. Of the descendants of Sephen Mosher, there are now living three generations, aggregating eighty-three members who are dwelling in eight states, namely: Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, New Mexico, Colorado, California, and Idaho. At the time of the settlement of the Mosher family in Muscatine county the country was generally settled up along the streams and bodies of timber, but the prairies stretched away in illimitable distance to the north and west, with but few breaks in its vastness. His farm joined that of the first permanent settler on the Wapsinonoc creek and was chosen for the reason of the vast prairie adjoining it on the north, and he was sure that it would not in his time be claimed by settlers, so he would always have a free range for his stock. But he lived to enjoy many years of life, after all that vast plain became a developed agricultural region, thickly dotted over with the habitations of a prosperous people. At the time of his settlement there, game was abundant. There were deer in large numbers and turkeys were not uncommon, while quail and prairie chickens were present in countless numbers. In their migrations ducks, geese and other water fowl filled every slough and bayou. The ducks bred here to quite an extent. Wolves were also plentiful, and one panther at least was slain in the adjacent timber. One constant menace of the farmers of those early days was the prairie fire. The luxurious grasses of hill and valley when ripened was a source of constant danger for, lighted sometimes by the lightning's flash, sometimes by the carelessness of a settler or hunter, and sometimes maliciously, the fire would sweep over vast tracts and woe betide the fences, stacks of hay and grain and sometimes the buildings of the inhabitants. The nearest trading point of importance was Muscatine, twenty miles away, where could be found a market for the grain and meat of the farmer, and when reached the pay was not only very low but most often part or all in merchandise. It was a long day's haul there and back, and if loading both ways consumed the greater part of two days. But with the advent of the M. & M. Railroad in 1856, which passed in plain view and but a half mile from the Mosher home, all this was changed as it opened near markets and made it possible to reach centers of population farther away. Where the railroad passed the nearest to the Mosher farm there was a wide wet slough through which the railroad ran on an eight-foot grade. One winter the trains stopped there daily for the engine's supply of water, dipping it up from the ditch at the side of the track in buckets and passing it up the steep bank to the engine by a line made up of the train's crew. When Stephen Mosher first came to Iowa in the autumn of 1852 he traveled down the Ohio river to Cairo and up the Mississippi to Muscatine and by stage from there to his destination at West Liberty, then a village in name only as a tavern and postoffice was about all there was of it. At that time there was no railroad across Illinois, so he shipped his goods by water by way of Cairo.

On reaching the Mississippi opposite Muscatine that day in May, 1853, their cavalcade, which consisted of eight teams and twenty-six people representing three families, were faced with the condition that to cross the broad river there was but one ferryboat, and that a little contrivance propelled by two blind horses

which created the motive force by endlessly trying to reach the top of a tread power, thus turning the paddle wheels of the boat. The boat would accommodate but two or at most three teams, so it required three trips to ferry the company over, and much time was consumed, but the passage was made in safety by all except one of the young men of the company. Two of the young men were ambitious to be the first to set foot on Iowa soil, so they took passage on the boat on its first trip across and as it neared the Iowa shore stood ready to leap to land as soon as the boat came near enough to the shore. One of them succeeded; but the other, miscalculating the distance, landed waist deep in the water. That night the company reached the home of Nehemiah Chase, a Friend who had come to the state several years before. They remained there a few days, when Stephen Mosher made a deal with Clark Lewis for his farm and its growing crops. The house on this farm was a one-story building, about twenty-two by thirty feet in size, including a porch. In this house the Moshers, eleven in number including Isaac Schooley, who had driven a team for them from Ohio, took up their abode, while the Lewis family, four in number, still occupied a part of it, but the Lewises soon moved out. They then proceeded to erect a more commodious dwelling. The frame of this house was of native timber, some hewn and some sawed, and the finishing of pine hauled by team from Muscatine. They also erected a barn the same season. It was a busy, laborious season and to add to its discomforts, several of the family were sick with the *ague*, a common ailment with newcomers while becoming acclimated. One day the baby of the family, a little girl of three years, was having her daily "shake" when she called to her mother, saying: "Mother, don't my tongue rattle?" The family, as was the custom with many others, manufactured much of the cloth for bedding and clothing in their home and, in the new house erected in 1853, was a spinning and weaving room where the hum of the wheel and the bang of the loom were heard on many days of the year. It was not altogether necessity that impelled them to these laborious tasks, but a part was their strong convictions against the use of "slave labor," hence they discarded the use of cotton as much as possible and used flax, home grown and home dressed, in its stead. There are yet in the family treasured heirlooms of fine linen cloth spun and woven by the mother eighty years ago. The same reasons led them to the use of maple instead of cane sugar and for several years they had maple sugar shipped to them from their old neighborhood in Ohio. But with the introduction of sorghum—and by the way, it was Horace Greeley who introduced sorghum to this section, by sending small packages of its seeds to subscribers to the Tribune, and extolling its value—that it took the place of sugar as far as was practical, until with the liberation of the slaves the objection to the use of cotton and cane sugar ceased. The first attempts to obtain syrup from the sorghum cane were, to say the least, pathetic. By stripping the ripened cane of its hard outer covering the juice was found to be very sweet and pleasant, but ways to express the cane were wanting. They tried cutting the canes into short pieces, then boiling the pieces and thus getting a very small per cent of the juices. Then the older son of the household tried his mechanical genius on a small hand mill, but it was too weak to crush the joints of the stalks, so they crushed them with hammers and thus secured very small quantities of the imprisoned sweets which,

boiled to a syrup, became as nectar to their childish taste. But these ways were not practical, and eventually horse mills with huge wooden rollers turned by long sweeps were constructed. When operated they gave forth a shuddering wail that could be heard for many miles. These were followed by cast iron mills that solved the problem for the profitable manufacture of sorghum. But eventually all these tribulations of pioneer life passed and the modern era came, and the Mosher family are now enjoying advantages handed down to them by the pioneer labors of a long line of American ancestry.

HENRY MOSHER.

Henry Mosher, a highly esteemed citizen now living retired at West Liberty in the enjoyment of a rest which he earned by many years of patient application as a farmer, was born near Mount Gilead, Morrow county, Ohio, March 27, 1840, a son of Stephen and Ruth (Smith) Mosher. The father was born in Washington county, New York, in 1806, and removed to Ohio with his parents when he was twelve years of age, continuing there until 1853, when he came to Iowa, locating in Wapsinonoc township, Muscatine county. Here he was prominently identified with agricultural interests for nearly forty years, departing this life in 1891. Politically he was first an adherent of the whig party, but later changed his views and became a stanch republican. In Ohio he was in charge of a station of the underground railway and assisted many slaves in escaping to Canada. Religiously he adhered to the faith of the Quakers, and as he was a man of high principle, he exerted by his example a very beneficial effect upon the community. The progenitors of the family in this country came from England in the early colonial days. A most complete record of the Mosher family appears in the sketch of T. O. Mosher, a brother of our subject. The mother was born in Dutchess county, New York, and was married to Mr. Mosher in Ohio. She passed away in 1896 and her remains are buried in the Friends cemetery near West Liberty. There were ten children in the family: Elizabeth, Lemuel, Elizabeth II, Hannah and Elsie, all of whom are deceased; Ruth, now the wife of Mathias Wilson of West Liberty; Henry, the subject of this review; Mary, the widow of Blackburn Vore of Amistad, New Mexico; Esther, now Mrs. W. K. Egeleston of Howard, Colorado; and L. O., of West Liberty.

Henry Mosher began his studies in the public schools of Ohio and continued them in an old log schoolhouse after arriving in Muscatine county. He remained with his parents until twenty-one years of age, assisting upon the home farm, and then began farming upon his own account in Wapsinonoc township on a place which he named the Springdale Farm, located on the county line of Cedar and Muscatine counties. He lived there for forty-three years, becoming one of the most prosperous farmers of the township, but seven years ago removed to West Liberty, where he has since resided. He has disposed of his farm, but owns two houses and lots in West Liberty and is a stockholder in a milk business.

In 1861 Mr. Mosher was united in marriage in Muscatine county to Miss Henriette Gibson, and six children blessed their union: Walter G. and C. E., both of West Liberty; May L., now the widow of F. J. Meyers, of Cedar county; F. E., a farmer of Anthony, Kansas; and Henry R. and Bessie, both deceased.

Mr. Mosher politically is independent, although he generally votes the republican ticket in national affairs. He has not sought public office, but served for a number of years with general acceptance as township trustee. He and his wife are sincere believers in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and are valued members of the Christian church. He is recognized as a substantial and representative citizen, deeply interested in the moral and material welfare of the community. By honesty and integrity he, years ago, attained an acknowledged standing which to any man is of inestimable value, and today he has a host of friends and admirers in Muscatine and Cedar counties.

LOUIS E. DOWNER.

Ever since his infancy Louis E. Downer has been a resident of Muscatine county, having been brought here by his parents at the age of two years. His earliest recollections are of the old homestead amidst rural scenes and his love for such a life has attracted him to farming as a vocation, the result proving that he made no mistake in his choice. He was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, September 10, 1871, and is a son of J. B. and Margaret (Davis) Downer, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The parents came to Iowa in the '40s and lived for many years in Des Moines county. In 1873 the father located on a farm in Muscatine county, but he and his wife are now living retired in Muscatine. In his active years he was quite prominent in the farming community and by perseverance and well applied energy he acquired a competence so that he now enjoys a well earned rest. There were six children in the family, two of whom are deceased. Those living are Adella A., the wife of George Parvin, of Muscatine; John T., also of Muscatine; Louis E., our subject; and Nellie V., now Mrs. A. B. Minear, of Chicago, Illinois.

Louis E. Downer received his education in the district schools of Muscatine county and grew up upon the home farm, where he acquired a taste for agricultural pursuits which has been one of the controlling influences of his life. After leaving the common schools, desiring to pursue his studies further, he went to Mount Vernon, Iowa, where he spent two years in preparation for teaching. The next three years found him in the schoolroom but at the age of twenty-seven he was married and returned to agricultural pursuits, renting a farm for ten years. By good management he acquired sufficient capital to purchase land on section 21, Seventy-six township, where he now owns three hundred acres. He specializes in the raising and feeding of cattle and hogs and has achieved a high degree of success by good judgment in this line.

On March 15, 1899, Mr. Downer was united in marriage to Miss Emma G. Beik, who was born in Louisa county, Iowa, June 3, 1878, and is a daughter of Jacob and Alverda (Hanley) Beik. The father was born in Germany

and the mother in Cedar county, Iowa. He came to America when twelve years of age with his parents, the family locating in this state. Mr. Beik departed this life May 18, 1908, and his widow is now living in Louisa county. There were six children in their family. Three children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Downer: Eula M., born March 21, 1900; Cloyce H., December 2, 1901; and Twyla, who was born February 10, 1907, and died May 25, 1907. Since arriving at manhood Mr. Downer has been a supporter of the republican party. He and his wife are earnest believers in the Christian religion and are valued members of the Methodist church, in which he serves as steward. He early acquired the habit of doing thoroughly whatever he undertook, as is shown by the neat appearance of his farm. He is recognized as a man who is always true to his obligations, broad-minded, public-spirited and progressive and ready to assist in the advancement of every worthy cause.

JOHN W. RUESS.

John W. Ruess, well known as a successful farmer of Muscatine county, had many friends who deeply regretted his departure when on December 17, 1908, he passed away. He was eighty-three years of age at the time of his death and his remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery at West Liberty. He was a native of Germany, born November 16, 1825, and a son of Thomas Ruess, who was also a native of the fatherland. John W. Ruess received his early education in the public schools of Germany and even as a boy became acquainted with the value of work. He continued at home until twenty-eight years of age, and, having decided that conditions were more favorable in a new country than could possibly be expected in one of the old countries of Europe where competition is very keen, he crossed the Atlantic ocean to the United States, landing in New York city in 1853. That was nearly sixty years ago and the great west presented attractions which the newly arrived emigrant could not resist. He came to Muscatine county, Iowa, and for four years worked for Mr. Barnes. He then went to Minnesota, where he took up a government claim, upon which he lived for two years. Not finding his surroundings as agreeable as he desired, he returned to Muscatine county and rented a farm, applying himself with such diligence that later he became the owner of a well improved place of one hundred and sixty acres, now the family homestead.

In 1859 Mr. Ruess was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Burger, who was born in Prussia, Germany, November 10, 1835. She came to America with her parents in 1852, when she was seventeen years of age, landing at New Orleans. The travelers were conveyed by water to St. Louis and then proceeded to Muscatine county, where Mr. Burger entered eighty acres of government land. Subsequently he removed to Iowa City and operated a lime kiln. In 1858 when the great gold excitement was sweeping over the country he yielded to the impulse and with an ox team and wagon crossed the plains to Pike's Peak, taking with him his family. It required six weeks to make

the trip. The mother died after reaching Pike's Peak, and the father departed this life later in Kansas. There were eight children in their family, six of whom are now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Ruess eight children were also born, namely: Henry R., of Wapsinonoc township; Anna M., wife of Walter Romain of Iowa City; Frank R., of Wapsinonoc township; Katherine, now engaged as a dressmaker at Iowa City; Rosalie, deceased; Frances A., at home; James W., on the home farm; and Elizabeth A., wife of Louis Hoffelder, who is engaged in the dry-goods business at Iowa City. The son James W., who has charge of the farm makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock and is highly successful in this business. Politically, he gives his support to the democratic party but he has never sought the emoluments of office, preferring to devote his attention to business affairs.

For fifty years John W. Ruess was a resident of Muscatine county. He was a man of unusual energy, great industry and of good business ability. His interests were centered in his farm and his family. He was a patriotic citizen and a valued member of the community, assisting in the promotion of all worthy objects. Mrs. Ruess still resides on the old homestead. She and her children are valued members of St. Joseph's Catholic church of West Liberty and have many friends in Wapsinonoc and adjoining townships.

SAMUEL BRAND.

In 1897 Samuel Brand, well known as one of the substantial farmers of Muscatine county, was summoned from earthly scenes to the great beyond. He was for nearly forty-three years a resident of the county and, being the possessor of qualities of industry and perseverance and good business judgment, he won his way to fortune. He was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, September 1, 1822, a son of Samuel and Katherine Brand, who were also natives of the Keystone state and lived and died in Pennsylvania.

Samuel Brand received his early education in the public schools and as a boy, by his diligence in study and his spirit of helpfulness to others indicated that his would be a useful and honorable career. He remained in his native state until he arrived at the age of thirty-two years, and, having decided that the west offered more favorable inducements to ambitious young men than were presented in the older settled states, he came to Muscatine county in 1854 and entered upon his successful career as a farmer. He lived upon a place of four hundred acres for thirty-three years and gained a reputation as one of the most energetic and successful farmers in the township. He was a man of persistent industry and thus acquired a handsome competence for himself and family so that as the years advanced he was fortified against possibility of want. In 1886 he removed to West Liberty, where he continued to reside during the remainder of his life in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

In 1854 Mr. Brand was united in marriage in Chambersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, to Miss Charlotte Hambright, whom he brought as a bride to Muscatine county, she proving at all times a faithful and valued com-

panion. To them six children were born, namely: Mary, the wife of Chester Phillips; Carrie I., now Mrs. W. L. McNutt; Cora L., the wife of J. L. Peters; Edgar H.; Estella C., now Mrs. Elmer Mead; and John W., deceased.

Mr. Brand was a public-spirited citizen who ably performed his part in the development of the county, always willing to assist in any movement that had for its object the permanent welfare of the community. Able, faithful and conscientious in the discharge of his duties to those with whom he was associated, he earned their mutual respect and love. His memory will be cherished as that of a true husband and father and an upright man. Mrs. Brand still owns one hundred and sixty acres of the home farm in Goshen township, which is ably managed by her son Edgar, and also owns the handsome family residence at West Liberty. She is greatly esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances in this section.

JACOB HESS.

While Jacob Hess is now living retired, he was for a long period connected with the industrial interests of Muscatine as a harness maker, and became thereby an active and prominent factor in business circles of this city. He was born in Hesse-Cassel, Germany, January 31, 1843, the second in a family of three children, whose parents were George and Elizabeth (Mark) Hess. The paternal grandfather, John Hess, was a linen manufacturer who spent his entire life as a resident of Germany although he visited America. He reached the remarkable old age of one hundred and five years. The maternal grandparents, Conrad and Elizabeth Mark, also were lifelong residents of Germany, where they reared a large family. The grandfather died at the age of eighty-five years.

George Hess learned and followed the wagon-maker's trade, being actively connected with business interests in his native country until 1852, when he determined to try his fortune in America and crossed the Atlantic to the new world. He made his way direct to Muscatine and soon afterward purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres of government land eight miles from the city, for which he paid a dollar and a quarter per acre. This he converted into a well improved farm upon which he lived for four years. He then rented that place and removed to Muscatine, where he resumed work at the wagon-maker's trade. His death occurred in 1884 when he was seventy-one years of age. His wife survived him until 1893 and had reached the notable age of ninety-six years at the time of her death. Both were consistent members of the German Reformed church. Their daughters, Anna and Elizabeth, have both passed away, the former having died at the age of twenty-four and the latter when eleven years of age.

Jacob Hess was a lad of nine years when he came to America. His youth was spent in Muscatine, where he attended the public schools, and after putting aside his text-books he learned the harness-maker's trade, which he followed until 1908. He was proprietor of a harness shop from 1865 until 1908, and

built up a good business which brought to him substantial returns, enabling him now to live retired. The only interruption to his close attention to business came in 1862 when, in response to the call of his adopted country, he offered his services to the government, enlisting as a member of Company C, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served as a private for three years, taking part in a number of hotly contested engagements in which his valor and loyalty were oftentimes proven. Following the war he resumed work at his trade and as previously stated continued in business until 1908, when he put aside the cares that had formerly engrossed him and is now enjoying a well earned and well merited rest.

On the 25th of February, 1866, Mr. Hess was married to Miss Susan Valet, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Valet, who were natives of Germany and came to Muscatine about 1838 when this city was known as the little village of Bloomington. Both parents died here. They had a family of five children, George, John, Susan, Martha and Mary. Of these Susan became the wife of Jacob Hess and unto them were born three children: Mary E., who is a trained nurse of Tacoma, Washington, and is a great traveler; Anna C., the wife of George Hessert, of Tacoma, Washington, by whom she has three children, Harry E., Verna, the wife of Earl Eversmeyer, and Walter; and George, who died when but eight months old. The mother of these children passed away in 1870. Two years after the death of his first wife Mr. Hess wedded Mary Sieble, a daughter of Christian Sieble. She passed away at the age of forty-three years and the two children of that marriage died when young. Mr. Hess has since wedded Lucy Ticke.

His political support is given to the republican party and he has always been interested in political questions to the extent of keeping well informed on the issues of the day, although never seeking office. In matters of citizenship, however, he is as true and loyal to his country at the present time as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields. His military experience entitles him to wear the Grand Army button and he is now a member of Shelby Norman Post. His long and active connection with business interests of Muscatine has made him well known here and kindly regard for him is entertained by all with whom he has come in contact.

JOHN ALDEN ROBBINS.

Among the honored names of Muscatine is that of Robbins, and the subject of this review is a representative of a family that has been for many years closely identified with this city. He is a native of Muscatine, born August 24, 1862, and is a son of Rev. Alden B. and Mary Sewell (Arnold) Robbins, the former of whom was a native of Salem, Massachusetts, and the latter of Bath, Maine. The father was born February 18, 1817, a son of David and Elizabeth (Burrill) Robbins, the former of whom was a lumber merchant of New York city. Alden B. Robbins received his preparatory education in the classical schools of Salem and later attended school in Brooklyn, New York, graduating



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at twenty-two years of age in the same class with F. D. Huntington, who became widely known as a bishop of New York state. For a short time Mr. Robbins engaged as a tutor of Latin at Hopkins Academy of Hadley, Massachusetts, and for one year was principal of the Pawtucket Academy. He then engaged in business with his father for a year, but in 1840 took up his studies at the Andover Theological School, where he remained until 1841. He became a student of the Union Theological Seminary the following year but returned to Andover and completed his theological course in 1843. On the 20th of September of the same year he was ordained as a minister of the Congregational church and shortly afterward came to Muscatine and entered upon his duties as pastor of the First Congregational church in this city, where he served as pastor until November 9, 1891, a period of forty-eight years, and as pastor emeritus from that time until his death. In 1853 he was given the degree of D. D. by Amherst College. Just a week after his ordination Dr. Robbins was united in marriage at Canterbury, Connecticut, to Miss Eliza C. Hough, a daughter of Samuel L. Hough, of that city. She came to Muscatine with her husband and shared with him in his labors until 1850, when she was claimed as a victim of cholera, which was raging in the west at that time. Three children were born of their union: Dana H., Horace H. and Anna Margarette. Dana H. was born July 2, 1844, and November 17, 1874, married Alice E. Owens, of Cincinnati, Ohio. He died June 14, 1881, leaving a widow and one daughter. Horace H. was born August 20, 1846, and married Abbie F. Whitcomb at Grinnell, Iowa, July 2, 1874. Anna Margarette was born July 2, 1848, in Ashford, Connecticut. She is the wife of Rev. H. S. De Forest, who was pastor of the Congregational churches at Des Moines, Council Bluffs and Waterloo, Iowa, becoming president of Talladega College in Alabama. On the 20th of September, 1851, Dr. Robbins was again married, his second union being with Miss Mary S. Arnold, a daughter of Ebenezer Arnold, of Bath, Maine. Of the children born of this marriage two are now living. Esther Burrill was born February 20, 1860, and on June 29, 1887, married Rev. George E. White. They are now missionaries in Marsovan, Turkey. John Alden Robbins, our subject, is the only other child of Dr. and Mrs. Mary S. Robbins now living.

The lifelong ministry of Dr. Robbins in Muscatine was highly effective, as is indicated by the number of years during which he served as pastor of the church. He was deeply interested in the cause of Christian education and was a trustee of Iowa College and a director of the Chicago Theological Seminary for many years. He was also a trustee of the academy at Wilton Junction, Iowa. He departed this life December 27, 1896, and the universal expression of sorrow from all classes of citizens attested the esteem in which he was held by the entire community.

John A. Robbins was educated in the public schools of Muscatine, graduating from the high school in 1882. After laying his books aside he went to Chicago, where he continued for ten years as a bookkeeper. He was then a resident of Kansas City for one year, at the end of which time he returned to Muscatine and entered the employ of the Muscatine Oatmeal Company. In 1901 he entered the real-estate and insurance business on his own account, in which he still continues, being known as one of the most successful men of the city in this line.

On September 18, 1894, Mr. Robbins was united in marriage to Miss Mary Graham, a daughter of Israel L. and Agnes (Butler) Graham, and two children blessed that union, Agnes and Mary G. Mrs. Robbins having passed away, our subject was a second time married, the lady of his choice being Miss Maude McCoy, of Muscatine, a daughter of William H. and Minnie F. (Morrison) McCoy. The father of Mrs. Robbins was a native of Ohio and the mother of Pennsylvania. They were early settlers in Muscatine. Two children have come to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, Alden Burrill and Esther Belle.

Politically Mr. Robbins is in sympathy with the republican party and served for two years as alderman of the second ward. He and his wife are members of the Congregational church and are active assistants in any enterprise which aims to promote the general welfare of the city.

HIRAM H. GREEN.

Among the business men of Pike township, Muscatine county, Hiram H. Green occupies an honored place, being known as a citizen of public spirit and enterprise, whose word is as good as his bond. He is a native of Putnam county, Illinois, born September 18, 1858, his parents being William and Mary (Ransome) Green, who were born in Indiana and Kentucky, respectively, and were married in Illinois in 1842. The father, who was a cooper by trade, came to Iowa in 1880 and spent the latter part of his life in Scott county, being called away October 17, 1897. The mother died August 1, 1905. Both were buried in Montpelier township, Muscatine county. Their family comprised nine children, namely: Annie, who is now the widow of Daniel Demanriville and is living in Nichols, Iowa; Jane, the wife of James Donnelly, of Nichols; John, a farmer of Nichols; George, an engineer of Muscatine; Nellie, who died in September, 1887; Sarah, the wife of James McCollum of Nebraska; Hiram H., our subject; Emma, now Mrs. William Harp of Davenport, Iowa; and Mollie, the wife of William Parrish of Nichols.

Hiram H. Green was reared under the parental roof and pursued his early studies in the public schools. He continued at home until twenty-one years of age and then began working at the cooper's trade, at which he continued for twenty years. In 1899 he became identified with the farming interest in Muscatine county and is now in charge of a farm near Nichols, also being connected with a general store. Being a man of good business ability, he has succeeded in his undertakings and is greatly respected by the people of a wide radius about Nichols.

On the 23d of December, 1879, Mr. Green was united in marriage to Miss Nora Reed, who was born at Peoria, Illinois, March 9, 1859, and is a daughter of Rufus and Lucy (Coone) Reed, who were natives of New York state and Illinois, respectively. Mrs. Reed was called from earthly scenes in Illinois in 1871 and subsequently Mr. Reed came to Iowa and settled at Ottumwa. He became foreman of cooperage works in that city and has since continued in the same position. There were four children in his family: Nora, now Mrs. Green;

Laura, the wife of William Warden of Ottumwa; Harry, of Spokane, Washington; and William, who died at the age of three years. Seven children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Green; Franklin E., who was born September 13, 1880, and died January 5, 1895; Grace P., who was born January 17, 1883, and is now living at home; Ida L., who was born February 8, 1886, and is now the wife of Harry Felton of Nichols; Edna E., who was born May 1, 1889, and is now Mrs. Frank Elder of Nichols; Harvey L., born March 13, 1891, who married Susie Swickard and lives in Nichols; and Frederick E., born June 20, 1893, and Earl, May 17, 1896, both at home.

Mr. Green has found in his wife a helpful companion, who has been to him a constant incentive to the achievement of worthy objects and to her children a considerate and loving mother. He and his family are identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, whose teachings they heartily accept. Politically Mr. Green is a supporter of the republican party and fraternally he affiliates with the Knights of Labor of Davenport, whose practical principles of brotherhood find in his heart a willing response.

CURTIS W. JAMES.

Recognized as one of the capable and energetic farmers of Wapsinonoc township, Curtis W. James, whose home is on section 32, has gained a name as one of the substantial citizens of the locality. He has passed his entire life in Muscatine county, having been born on the old family homestead in Wapsinonoc township, February 19, 1869, the second in a family of nine children. He is the son of Gad James, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Curtis W. James received his early education in the district schools and later attended a business college for a short time, being enabled to acquire the foundation of an education which he has greatly broadened by reading and observation. He assisted in the work of the home farm until twenty-one years of age and then for two years worked for his father, who was one of the successful farmers of the locality. At the age of twenty-three years he began farming on his own account by renting land and he so conducted his affairs that after six years he was able to purchase eighty acres, and in 1904 added eighty acres, making one hundred and sixty in all, which he has highly improved by erecting a comfortable residence, a commodious barn and other buildings. Everything about the place is in excellent order and indicates that he has prospered in his calling. He has engaged in general farming, but has made a specialty of raising and breeding shorthorn cattle. He also fattens cattle and hogs for market.

On the 1st of March, 1905, Mr. James was united in marriage to Miss Nettie May Ripley, a native of Missouri and a daughter of G. L. and Hattie (Metcalf) Ripley, the former a native of Muscatine county and the latter of Ohio. Her parents removed to South Dakota in 1908 and are now residing in that state. There were six children in their family, five of whom are now living. Three children have come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. James: Harriet B., who

was born September 21, 1906; Eveline B., born February 7, 1908; and Ruby J., born August 29, 1910.

Mr. James is not identified with any religious denomination, but his wife is a consistent member of the Christian church. He is a staunch supporter of the candidates and principles of the republican party. He has not taken any prominent part in political affairs as his interests center in his home, his family and the duties which arise from day to day in connection with the business to which he has devoted his life. He has many friends in Muscatine county who have been attracted by his manly attributes of sincerity and fidelity in the discharge of every responsibility.

PETER BYRNE.

Peter Byrne, who represents the third generation of his family in America and is a well known farmer of Seventy-six township, was born in Muscatine county, August 21, 1881. He is the son of Thomas and Catherine (Grant) Byrne, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Iowa. His grandfather, John Byrne, was born in County Wicklow, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1847. He made the voyage in a sailing vessel, which required six weeks for the trip, in the course of which his wife and daughter died, the former being buried in the ocean and the latter at New Orleans after the vessel arrived in port. It was a severe blow to Mr. Byrne, but he bravely continued his journey and after arriving in Muscatine county located on section 15, Seventy-six township, where he continued until his death. His body was interred in St. Malachy's cemetery and was among the first deposited there.

Thomas Byrne, the father of our subject, came to this country with his parents and assisted in establishing the home in Muscatine county. He was a man of great energy and perseverance and became a highly successful farmer. Politically he was in sympathy with the democratic party, and although he was not an office seeker, preferring to devote his life to private affairs, he served acceptably as assessor of his township for seven years and also held other township offices. His wife is still living at the old home. There were eight children in the family: John, a farmer of Seventy-six township; Frances, at home; Peter, our subject; William, an electrical engineer, and Lawrence, both at home; Stephen and Paul, deceased; and Felicitas, at home.

Peter Byrne was educated in the district schools and under his father became thoroughly acquainted with the details of agriculture and stock-raising. He assisted in the work of the home farm until he was twenty-four years of age but since that time he has carried on farming on his own account. He prospered in his work and is now operating two hundred and forty acres of land, which he cultivates with a diligence that produces large harvests, yielding handsome returns for labor and time expended.

In January, 1908, Mr. Byrne was united in marriage to Miss Laura Nau of Bloomington township, who has proved to him a true and loving companion. Although a young man, Mr. Byrne has been highly successful in his business

operations and has shown a sagacity and clear judgment that point to larger possibilities in years to come. He is the possessor of fine social qualities and has made many warm personal friends in the course of the last eight years, during which he has been very active. He holds membership in the Knights of Columbus, and politically is identified with the democratic party. For four years he served with credit as clerk of Seventy-six township and today is regarded as one of the substantial and progressive citizens of Muscatine county.

JOHN BYRNE.

John Byrne, a well known farmer of Seventy-six township, who passed away May 2, 1901, was recognized as one of the energetic and progressive men of his township. He was a good farmer, a patriotic and intelligent citizen, and as the head of a large and promising family, set an example of industry and perseverance well worthy of emulation. He was born in Ireland, May 11, 1835, and was a son of John and Margaret Byrne, both of whom were natives of the Emerald isle. The family started for America in 1847 and the mother and daughter both died during the voyage, the former being buried at sea and the latter in New Orleans. The father was a man of stout heart and noble character and notwithstanding his great loss he did not yield to discouragement. He came on to Muscatine, Iowa, with the remainder of his family, arriving in October, 1847, and at once located upon land in Seventy-six township, where he spent the remainder of his life. He was the father of twelve children, only one of whom, a daughter, is now living. She makes her home in St. Louis, Missouri.

John Byrne was twelve years of age when he came to this country. He grew up upon the home farm and was educated in the district school, continuing at home until he was forty-three years of age, when he was married and moved to a farm in Seventy-six township, where he applied himself with great diligence and became the owner of a well improved place. He was sixty-six years of age at the time of his death and the general expression of regret which greeted the announcement of his demise attested the respect in which he was held by all who knew him. His remains were interred in Arden cemetery.

In 1878 Mr. Byrne was united in marriage to Miss Anna Byrne, who though of the same name was not a relative. She was born in Ireland, November 27, 1855, and is a daughter of Hugh and Bridget Byrne. Her father died in Ireland, December 9, 1899, and her mother is still living there at the venerable age of eighty-four years. There were eight children in their family. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Byrne ten children were born: Joseph E., of Chicago; John H., of Nebraska; Margaret M., now Mrs. Michael Healy, of Seventy-six township; Bridget A., the wife of R. W. Dean, of Deer Lodge, Montana; Marie J., at home; Thomas A., of Montana; Anna E., the wife of L. A. Summers, of Arden, Iowa; one who died in infancy; Julia T., at home; and Clement A., also deceased.

Mr. Byrne was a supporter of the democratic party and was a member of the Catholic church, to which Mrs. Byrne and her children also belong. Mrs. Byrne disposed of the farm and is now the owner of a hotel in Arden. She was a true helpmate to her husband and to her children she has been a loving mother who has ever been willing to make any sacrifice to advance their interests or happiness. She has many friends in Muscatine county whom she has attracted by her worthy qualities of mind and heart.

COPELAND RABE.

At the age of eighteen years Copeland Rabe came to Muscatine county. That was in 1855—fifty-six years ago—when the ox team and prairie schooner were daily in evidence and when the hand reaper was in use in the fields and the hand loom for weaving cloth in the homes. Time has wrought vast changes and today he sees the locomotive, telephone and the automobile, while the entire system of farming has been revolutionized. Mr. Rabe has reason only for congratulation when he reviews the past for he years ago became one of the prosperous farmers of the county and today is living in comfort and ease.

He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, November 19, 1837, a son of William and Drusilla (Copeland) Rabe, both natives of the Keystone state. The parents died in Jefferson county, Ohio, leaving three children: Copeland, of this review; T. F., now of Ohio; and W. W., of Bloomfield, Ohio.

Copeland Rabe received his early education in the district schools of his native county and continued at home until 1855. Feeling like many young men of that period that the great west offered more favorable inducements than could be expected in the older states of the Union, he bade farewell to his relatives and friends and at the age of eighteen years started westward, coming as far as Muscatine county, Iowa, where he readily secured work as a farm hand. In 1858 the gold excitement, which began in Colorado, swept over the country and thousands of men started for the Rocky mountains in eager pursuit of wealth. Among this number was Copeland Rabe. He drove an ox team from Omaha to the Pike's Peak region, but after prospecting for a few months in the sands of the streams and along the foot hills of the mountains he became convinced that his destiny lay in other pursuits rather than in mining. Accordingly he returned to Muscatine county and after renting land for a few years purchased eighty acres in Wapsinonoc township, which he cultivated to such good advantage that later he became the owner of a fine place of one hundred and sixty acres—one of the most productive farms in the township. In 1904 he removed to West Liberty, where he lived for four years, but has since resided in Pike township.

In 1861 Mr. Rabe was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Ann Fletcher who was born in Muscatine county in 1844, a daughter of Samuel and Rebecca (Pickering) Fletcher, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Eight children were born to them, namely: W. F., of Marshall county, Kansas; Samuel and John, deceased; E. S., of Louisa county, Iowa; Jesse, now of Colorado; Alpha, who

now has charge of the home farm; Zelpha, the wife of Charles Monroe of Wapsinonoc township; and Lela, now Mrs. Chester Grigg, of Pike township.

Mr. Rabe gives his support to the republican party and although he has never sought public honors he served with great acceptance for nine years as school director. He is a consistent member of the Methodist church and his wife was reared in the Quaker faith. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Rabe has ever been a welcome haven for friends, and one of the leading objects of their lives has been to contribute to the happiness of their associates and acquaintances.

EVERT F. RICHMAN.

Evert F. Richman, a member of the Muscatine bar, making his home upon a farm in Bloomington township, was born in the city of Muscatine, September 25, 1845. His parents were J. Scott and Calista Ann (Hannaman) Richman, natives of Ohio and Indiana, respectively. The former was a son of Evert Richman, who at the time of his death was making his home in Ohio. He was a Methodist preacher and also served as a judge of the court. He died in middle life, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Scott, lived to be about seventy-six years of age. They had a large family, including Asbury, John Wesley, Hettie A., J. Scott, Abraham, DeWitt C. and William S. The maternal grandfather of Evert F. Richman was Robert L. Hannaman, a native of Ohio, who made the practice of law his life work. Removing to Illinois, he settled at Knoxville and there made his home to an advanced age. In early manhood he married Hannah Plummer and their children were: John Wesley, Calista Ann, Emma E., Ella F., William and George L.

J. Scott Richman, father of Evert F. Richman, was also a member of the bar. He came to Muscatine in 1839 when Iowa was still under territorial rule, and continued in the active practice of his profession throughout the greater part of his life, being the oldest member of the Muscatine bar in years of continuous connection with the work of the courts. He died in May, 1908, at the very venerable age of eighty-eight years, having long survived his wife, who passed away when about sixty years of age. She was a member of the Methodist church, and although not identified with any church, the moral forces in the life of Mr. Richman were such as made him most honored and esteemed by all who knew him. For a number of years he served as judge of the district court, succeeding Judge Dillon, and his decisions, strictly fair and impartial, adorn the judicial records of the state.

Evert F. Richman was one of two sons who lived to years of maturity, but his brother, Clayton S., is now deceased. Spending his youthful days in Muscatine, Evert F. Richman attended the public schools of this city and afterward became a student in Lombard University at Galesburg, Illinois. He enlisted for service in the Civil war, becoming adjutant of the Forty-fourth Iowa Infantry, and did active duty at the front. Following the war he married and then opened an office in Muscatine for the practice of law; in the same year he was admitted to the bar. He has since remained in this city with the exception of a period of

twelve years, and is one of the best known and most able representatives of the legal profession in his native county. Earnest effort, close application and intuitive wisdom are strong points in his success. He seems to lose sight of no fact that will bear upon his case and yet never for a moment fails to give due relative prominence to the main point upon which the decision of every case finally turns. His deductions are thoroughly logical and his arguments convincing, and while his devotion to his client's interests is proverbial, he never forgets that he owes a still higher allegiance to the majesty of the law.

On the 26th of September, 1865, Mr. Richman was married to Miss Ida L. Hoppin, a daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (McConnell) Hoppin. They have become parents of a daughter and son: Calla, the wife of Clayburn B. Yandell of Seattle, Washington, by whom she has three children: Louise, Patricia and Hayes; and Charles J., who married Janet Dallas and is an accountant. The family is well known in Muscatine and throughout the county, where the name of Richman has been a familiar and honored one for more than seventy years.

THOMAS HAWKER.

The owner of a highly improved farm of two hundred and forty acres in Muscatine county, Thomas Hawker may truly be designated as one of its prosperous citizens. He is a native of Warwickshire, England, born June 18, 1832, a son of John and Sarah (Thompson) Hawker, both of whom spent their entire lives in England. There were six children in their family, all of whom are now deceased except our subject.

Thomas Hawker was educated in the schools of his native land and continued there until thirty-seven years of age. However, he was not satisfied with England, the conditions being such that a laboring man can acquire a competence only by extraordinary exertions. He came to the conclusion from what he had read and heard that the land across the ocean presented opportunities that could scarcely be hoped for in any thickly settled community. Accordingly, he decided to seek his fortune in America, and going aboard an ocean vessel he landed under the sheltering influence of the republic on December 12, 1869. He spent the first two years of his residence in this country in Beardstown, Illinois, and in 1871 came to Nichols, Muscatine county, Iowa, and for eight years was identified with the railroad business. By diligence and economy he accumulated sufficient capital to engage in farming upon his own account and he purchased eighty acres of land in Goshen township, which he proceeded to improve and cultivate. As his resources steadily increased, he was enabled to buy more land, and acquired in all two hundred and forty acres. His farm is one of the pleasing features of the landscape, being kept in almost perfect order, and it annually yields golden harvests which are exceeded in quantity and value by those of no other farm of equal area in the county.

In 1870 Mr. Hawker was united in marriage in Illinois to Miss Eliza Evenden, who was born in Kent, England, July 6, 1835, a daughter of John and Ann (Higgins) Evenden. Her parents came to America in 1881, both being past



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seventy-one years of age, the father departing this life at the age of eighty and the mother when ninety-five years of age. Three children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hawker: Horace H., who is married and is now a land-owner of Muscatine county; E. J., of Wapsinonoc township; and Arthur H., who is also married and lives in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Hawker have four grandchildren to whom they are greatly attached.

Mr. Hawker has for forty years been a resident of Muscatine county and has lived to witness great improvement not only in the farms but in the towns and cities, the entire appearance of this part of the state having undergone a marked change since he landed in this section. Politically he votes independent of party ties, preferring to support the men and measures that he believes best calculated to advance the general welfare. He has served most acceptably as a member of the school board and also as road supervisor. Fraternally he is identified with Lodge No. 95, A. F. & A. M., of West Liberty. He and his wife hold membership in the Methodist church and in its various activities they are greatly interested, being also prominent members of the community with which they have been closely connected during many of the best years of their lives.

ALBERT J. NASH.

Albert J. Nash, of Nichols, who has acquired an enviable reputation in connection with the poultry and produce business, was born in Pike township, this county, August 22, 1883, a son of John D. and Ida O. (Brockway) Nash. He received his early education in the district schools and later attended high school, thus laying the foundation in a good mental training for a successful business career. On the home farm he was instructed by his father in the various details of agriculture and stock-raising, showing an aptitude even as a boy that gave bright promise as to his future, should he desire to continue along those lines. He remained under the parental roof until arriving at twenty-three years of age and then purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Pike township, which he cultivated with good results for two years. He then became identified with the poultry and produce business, which he conducted on his own account for two years, gaining a well established reputation among his patrons for his straightforward method of dealing and the satisfactory manner in which he filled orders. He is now in charge of the branch house of the Muscatine Produce & Ice Company, at Nichols. Since assuming the position he has given a new impetus to the business and it is yielding very gratifying returns.

On the 6th of June, 1906, Mr. Nash was united in marriage to Miss Bertha E. Shew, who was born in Pike township, September 30, 1885, a daughter of Isaac and Minerva E. (Carl) Shew. The family settled upon a farm in that township but after the death of the father moved to Nichols. Subsequently Mrs. Shew was married to William E. Donham, a well known contractor and builder of this county, who is also engaged in farming. Mrs. Nash is a lady of fine intellectual attainments. She was graduated in her girlhood

from the Nichols high school and for four terms prior to her marriage engaged with marked success in teaching. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Nash: Le Ila Berenice, who was born September 20, 1907; and Beulah Minerva, whose birth occurred September 22, 1909.

Mr. Nash has from the beginning of his career been industrious and progressive, and he has attained a goodly measure of success. He is known to be honorable in all his dealings and also as a man whose word may be implicitly relied upon. That he deserves the success he has gained is the unanimous verdict of his friends. He and his wife are valued members of the Methodist church, and politically he gives his support to the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 4195, M. W. A., of Nichols.

EDWARD ROCK.

By industry and thrift Edward Rock gained a fair start in life through his own exertions, and later purchased land in Muscatine county, which he has developed into a valuable farm. He ranks today as one of the substantial citizens of the county. Born in Wapsinonoc township, February 15, 1846, he is a son of Solomon and Mary (Frank) Rock, both natives of Ohio. They came to Muscatine county in 1845, when Iowa was a territory, and Mr. Rock purchased a tract of land on which he built a cabin where the family took up their home. The parents both died in Muscatine county. They had two children: Felix, now of West Liberty, and the subject of this review.

Having lost his father when two years of age, Edward Rock was taken into the home of his grandfather and continued there until reaching maturity. He spent his boyhood and youth assisting in farm work and attending school as opportunity permitted. Beginning farming on his own account upon rented land, he applied himself industriously, and after eight or nine years purchased the place where he now lives, on section 25, Wapsinonoc township. This farm he has developed until it is one of the most beautiful places in the neighborhood, supplied with all modern conveniences. He cultivates grains and also raises stock for the market, and as he is thorough in what he undertakes, has met with a gratifying measure of success.

On the 28th of July, 1873, Mr. Rock was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Holmes, who was born in Muscatine county in 1851, a daughter of W. G., and Hannah (Pickering) Holmes. Her father was a native of Vermont and her mother of Virginia. They lived in Ohio for some time, but subsequently took up their residence in Muscatine county, Iowa, where they continued until their death. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rock, two of whom are deceased. The others are: Lola M., now the wife of John Benedict, of Muscatine county; Charles S., also of Muscatine county; Zella, wife of Ed Lewis, of this county; George, of Portland, Oregon; Myrtle, the wife of Benjamin Green of Davenport, Iowa; and Ethel, Lucy, John C. and Blanch, at home.

Mr. Rock is not identified with any religious denomination, but his wife is a consistent member of the Methodist church. Politically, he affiliates with the

democratic party, but does not give much attention to politics, as farming is more to his taste. A true friend of education, he served most acceptably as member of the school board for three years. He started in life empty-handed, but had a brave heart and a strong arm supported by a noble purpose. He persevered and won the battle, being now comparatively independent and assured of a competence for himself and wife for the remainder of their lives.

WILLIAM SHEFFIELD NORTON, M. D.

Dr. William Sheffield Norton has been a resident of Muscatine since 1893, and was known in mercantile circles until 1900, when he entered upon the practice of medicine and surgery, to which he has since devoted his time and energies. A native of Ohio, he was born in Napoleon, Henry county, on the 8th of July, 1867.

The Norton family was an old one of that state, which was the birthplace of his grandfather, Washington Norton, who died when a comparatively young man. He had married Caroline Harper, who survived him to the age of seventy-five years, and they were the parents of four sons and one daughter: Jonathan Dorr, Elijah H., John A., Caroline T. and David Z. The eldest, Jonathan Dorr Norton, was born in the Buckeye state and when a young man was employed in railroad offices in Cleveland, in which manner he made his start in life, laying there the foundation for his later success in business. He afterward engaged in banking at Napoleon, Ohio, and in the year 1887 removed westward to Topeka, Kansas, where he still makes his home. He was for a number of years engaged in coal mining and in dealing in different kinds of fuel. He is now serving as sheriff of Shawnee county, Kansas, and while living in Ohio filled the office of state senator for one term. He has ever been a man of considerable influence, his sterling qualities well fitting him for a position of leadership. While in Ohio he married Ada Sheffield, a native of that state, as were her parents, William and Hulda (Harrington) Sheffield. The father was an attorney and banker and the mother engaged in the practice of medicine. Both Mr. and Mrs. Sheffield died at Napoleon, Ohio, and both were nearing the Psalmist's allotted span of three-score years and ten. Their only child was Ada, who became the wife of Jonathan D. Norton, and they are now residing in Topeka, where they have made many friends. They hold membership with the Swedenborgian church. Their family numbered five sons and a daughter, namely: William S., of this review; Mary, the wife of Dr. H. S. Judd, of Tacoma, Washington; John H., who died at the age of thirty; David Z., a resident of Topeka, Kansas; Jonathan D., Jr., who makes his home in Kansas City, Missouri; and Ralph H., of Topeka.

Dr. William S. Norton spent his youthful days in his native city and attended the public schools, after which he pursued a university course in Urbana, Ohio. Removing westward to Topeka, Kansas, he secured a position as assistant to the paymaster of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, and subsequently took up the study of pharmacy, being graduated from the pharmaceuti-

cal department of the Kansas University, while in 1900 he was graduated as a physician and surgeon at the Kansas Medical College. In the meantime, in 1893, he had located in Muscatine, where he was engaged in the drug business until he took up the study of medicine. After attaining his professional degree he began practicing here in 1900 in partnership with his father-in-law, Dr. Morgridge, the partnership being maintained until the death of the latter, in February, 1909. Since that time Dr. Norton has practiced alone. He is now accorded a liberal patronage, the public thus giving expression of their confidence in his ability. He performs every professional duty in a most conscientious manner, is careful in the diagnosis of his cases, and that he is wise in the application of remedial agencies is indicated in the excellent results which follow his professional labors.

On the 7th of June, 1893, Dr. Norton was married to Miss Myrta E. Morgridge, a native of Montrose, Iowa, and a daughter of Dr. George O. and Ruth A. (Casebeer) Morgridge. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in Iowa and for thirty years Dr. Morgridge was a most successful and honored physician of Muscatine, his many sterling traits of character winning him high and enduring regard. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted for active service and became captain of Company H, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was wounded in the battle of Shiloh and also in other battles, was in the Atlanta campaign and was with Sherman on his march to the sea. He took part in all of the engagements in which his regiment participated and returned home with a most creditable military record. He passed away in February, 1909, and is still survived by Mrs. Morgridge. Their family numbered but two children: Henry W., who died at the age of thirty years; and Myrta, now Mrs. Norton. By her marriage she became the mother of one daughter, Ruth May.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Norton are members of the First Congregational church and he is serving on its business committee. He belongs to Iowa Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M., and Wyoming Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, and for three terms he served as county coroner, while at the present writing he is filling the position of county physician. Aside from his private practice he is surgeon for the Rock Island Railroad Company and he belongs to the Muscatine County Medical Society and the Iowa State Medical Society, thus keeping in touch with the progressive work of the profession. He is deeply interested in everything that relates to his chosen life work and continuous reading and research are ever promoting his efficiency

WILLIAM SEATON UNDERDONK.

William Seaton Underdonk is well known in Muscatine as joint agent for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Companies. Throughout Iowa he has a wide acquaintance because of his prominence in Masonic circles, in which he has been honored with the thirty-third and last degree. He was born in Jefferson county, West Virginia, December 21, 1855, a son of Jacob Van Doren and Sarah A. (Robinson) Under-

donk, both of whom were natives of West Virginia. The father was a son of Henry Underdonk, a native of New Jersey and of Holland Dutch descent. He made farming his life work and thus provided for the support of his family, numbering four children: Jacob; Newton, who is living in Martinsburg, West Virginia; Mrs. Sarah Hanna, a resident of Charlestown, West Virginia; and Mrs. Ann Randall, of Hard Scrabble, West Virginia. The maternal grandfather of Mr. Underdonk was born in West Virginia and his family numbered two sons and a daughter, including Sarah A., who became the wife of Jacob Van Doren Underdonk. This marriage was blessed with eight children, of whom six are now living: William S., of this review; Jacob R., who is a resident of Moundsville, West Virginia; John E., living in Davenport, Iowa; Charles M., of Cumberland, Maryland; Sadie M., the wife of C. W. Show, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Robert M., who makes his home in Washington, D. C.

The father of these children was a carpenter and contractor who became well known in connection with building operations at Shepherdstown, West Virginia, where he lived for some time. His death there occurred in 1872 when he was about forty years of age. His widow survived him for a number of years and passed away in 1885 at the age of forty-five. Both were Methodists in religious faith. The father was for a few months a conscripted soldier in the Confederate Army and participated in the first and second battles of Bull Run but his services were engaged principally in connection with the engineering corps used in building bridges. He was a Union man in sympathy and as soon as possible he left the Confederate ranks.

William S. Underdonk spent his youthful days in Shepherdstown, Jefferson county, West Virginia, and attended the public schools and an academy, from which he was graduated. His father died soon after the graduation of William S. Underdonk, who then started out in life for himself when about seventeen years of age. As he was the eldest of the family it was necessary for him to aid in the support of the younger members of the household. He learned the trade of handle making and followed it for about seven years. In the early '80s he removed westward to the Mississippi valley and spent one summer in working on a farm near Savanna, Illinois. He afterward went to Sabula, Iowa, and was engaged in teaming for a year in the employ of a milling company. He next entered the employ of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company as freight handler and also worked in the office, continuing in that position for eighteen months. He then returned to the east and worked at his trade for a time but afterward again came to the middle west, settling at Davenport, Iowa, where for seven years he was employed by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company. On the expiration of that period he was appointed agent of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railway Company and opened the station for them at Davenport. He continued in that service for eleven and a half years, at the end of which time he closed the office, for the road had been absorbed by the Rock Island Railway Company. He then went to Cedar Rapids, where he worked as freight clerk for a few months, at the end of which time he was appointed agent at Centerville, Iowa, by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company. He was then transferred to Columbus Junction, Iowa, where he acted as agent

for two years and later was sent to Muscatine, where he is now filling the position of joint agent with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Companies. Much of his life has been spent in the railway service and he has ever proved most capable and faithful in this connection, discharging his duties with promptness and efficiency, thus winning the approval of his superior officers.

Mr. Underdonk has been married twice. His first wife was Eliza Bias. In May, 1903, he was married again, his second union being with Mrs. Ida Smith, the widow of Robert Smith. They now have one daughter, Mabel. Both Mr. and Mrs. Underdonk are members of the Presbyterian church and Mr. Underdonk belongs to Trinity Lodge, No. 208, A. F. & A. M., of Davenport, of which he is a past master; Davenport Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M., of which he is a past high priest; and St. Simon of Cyrene Commandery, No. 9, K. T., of Davenport, of which he is a past eminent commander. He likewise belongs to Zarephath Consistory, No. 3, A. & A. S. R., and Kaaba Temple of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. In recognition of his splendid service in behalf of the fraternity the thirty-third and last degree has been conferred upon him. He is a past officer in all of the bodies except the Shrine and he and his wife are members of Electa Chapter of the Eastern Star. Mr. Underdonk also belongs to Coeur de Lion Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Politically he is a republican where national issues are involved but casts an independent local ballot and does not believe in the blind following of party leadership if it is contrary to the best interests of the majority. Those who meet him in business as well as social relations find him ever genial, courteous and obliging and those qualities have made him popular as a railway official.

IRA H. LEE.

Among the young men in Muscatine county who have made a fair start as progressive members of the farming community may be named Ira H. Lee. Born February 23, 1888, on the farm in Seventy-six township where he now lives, he is the son of Robert and Agnes (Baty) Lee. The father is a native of Ireland, and the mother of Dubuque county, Iowa. Robert Lee emigrated to this country in early days and became a prominent farmer of Muscatine county. He is now living retired with his wife at Muscatine, in the enjoyment of a well earned rest. In their family were three children, namely: Lola M., at home; Ira H., our subject; and Robert E. Lee, Jr.

Ira H. Lee was educated in the district schools and later took a course in a business college. As a boy he became well acquainted with the various details of farm work and management. After laying his books aside he continued on the home farm under his father and upon reaching manhood took charge of the farm of eight hundred acres, which is located in Seventy-six and Cedar townships. He raises cereals on a large scale but makes a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and hogs, shipping thirty carloads to market yearly. As a general farmer and stock-raiser he is meeting with most gratifying success.

On the 10th of March, 1909, Mr. Lee was united in marriage to Miss Florence E. Zigler, who was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, June 2, 1886. She is a daughter of Albert and Florence Zigler, the former of whom departed this life in 1892. Her mother is now living at Burlington, Iowa.

Mr. Lee grew up under highly favorable conditions for a successful career as a farmer, and he has many friends who prophesy for him a bright future in his chosen pursuit. He is a supporter of the republican party. Both he and his wife are stanch believers in Christianity, Mr. Lee being a member of the United Brethren and his wife of the Methodist church. Socially, they are prominent factors in the community.

CHARLES BENJAMIN OGILVIE.

Charles Benjamin Ogilvie, attorney at law at Muscatine, who is also engaged in the loan and insurance business, was born in this city, January 14, 1855. A residence of more than a half century here has made him thoroughly familiar with the history of Muscatine and in many ways he has been a factor in the city's upbuilding and progress. His parents were Adam and Isabella (Milne) Ogilvie, and the family name indicates the Scotch ancestry. Both father and mother were born in the land of hills and heather. In the year 1835 the former crossed the Atlantic to America and made his way at once to Muscatine, then a small town upon the Iowa frontier, giving little promise of rapid development in the future. Mr. Ogilvie became its first merchant, conducting a general store and also acted as county agent in making out deeds for city lots. He remained in business here for many years, conducting an extensive trade which came to him from many of the pioneers of the surrounding country, and for a long period he was regarded as one of the leading and most honored business men of the locality. About 1855 he erected the Commercial Hotel, which he rented. The first floor was used for his store, having a stock of goods where the hotel office is now situated. He continued a prominent factor in the business and public life of the community until called to his final rest in 1865, when sixty-one years of age. His wife survived him for some time, passing away at the age of eighty-three years. Both were devoted members of the Presbyterian church and contributed to the moral as well as the material progress of the community. Their family numbered three sons and a daughter: William H. and Frank A., both deceased; Belle, the wife of Colonel Horton, of Marshalltown, Iowa; and Charles B., of this review.

The last named was reared in Muscatine and at the usual age entered the public schools, wherein he pursued his studies through consecutive grades. His more advanced literary and professional education was acquired in Princeton University, of New Jersey, from which he was graduated in 1877. Sometime later he was admitted to the bar but did not at once concentrate his energies upon his profession. In 1879 he served as principal of school No. 2 in Muscatine. For thirty years he has engaged in the loan and insurance business and in this field has met with substantial success. At different times he has lived

elsewhere than in his native city, remaining for varying periods at Minneapolis, Chicago, New York city and in Kentucky, but for the past twenty years he has remained continuously in Muscatine and is now well known here as a member of the legal profession and also as a loan and insurance agent.

On the 17th of October, 1878, Mr. Ogilvie was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Jackson, a daughter of Alexander and Lucy (Daley) Jackson. There were four sons born of this marriage, Glenn, Alexander, Clarence and Paul. Of this number the two eldest are now deceased, Glenn passing away in infancy and Alexander at the age of twenty years. The others are now attending school.

In his political views Mr. Ogilvie is a democrat, having always supported the party, but the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him. His religious faith is that of the Presbyterian church. The fact that many of his staunchest friends are those who have known him from boyhood is an indication that his life has been honorable and upright at all times. He is familiar with the history of Muscatine county, being an interested witness of its growth and progress from early times, and his cooperation is ever heartily given to measures and movements that are deemed an essential factor in the welfare of the district.

PHILIP MURPHY.

The life span of Philip Murphy covers the intervening years between the 28th of June, 1829, and the present time—the winter of 1910-11. He has therefore traveled life's journey for eighty-one years, and is one of the venerable and highly respected citizens of Muscatine. He was born near Albany, New York, a son of James Louis and Susan (Dampf) Murphy, who were also natives of Albany and spent the greater part of their lives there. About 1838, however, they removed to Ohio and both the father and mother died in Muskingum county. Their family numbered seven children: Philip; Alexander, who served for four years in the Civil war as a member of an Ohio regiment and is now deceased; James, who was also a soldier of the war and is now living at Adams Mills, Muskingum county, Ohio; Abram, who is a veteran of the war between the north and the south and is now postmaster at Adams Mills; Edward, who enlisted in defense of the Union and returned home ill, his death resulting from his army experiences; Mrs. Elizabeth Van Kirk Leffler, deceased; and Mrs. Mary Cox, who has also passed away.

Philip Murphy spent the first seven years of his life in his native city, after which he and two brothers lived in a Shaker village eight miles northwest of Albany until he was eighteen years of age. In the fall of 1847 he left the Empire state for Coshocton county, Ohio, but in the spring of 1848 returned to Albany, where he worked for his uncle for one summer. In the fall of that year, however, he again went to Ohio and followed wagon making at a point eight miles east of Coshocton, where he remained for two years. He then again went to Albany, where he worked at his trade until the fall of 1851. At that



MR. AND MRS. PHILIP MURPHY

time he secured employment in a carriage shop at Dresden, Ohio, where he had spent the fall and winter of 1847 working at the shoemaker's trade. He continued at Dresden until the spring of 1854, when he came to Muscatine, reaching this city on the 16th of April. He entered land in Orono township, Muscatine county, recording the entry at Iowa City. In this manner he secured about forty acres, and he also purchased fifty-four acres. There he engaged in farming in the usual pioneer way, breaking the sod with oxen, and after the land was plowed and harrowed he planted his seeds and began the development of the farm. Two years later he rented the place and in 1863 traded it for other property. In 1860 he began working at his trade in Muscatine in a wagon and buggy shop and followed it most of the time until 1879. He then purchased his present place of twenty-one acres at No. 2806 Mulberry avenue, near the corporation line. Here he has a fruit and garden farm, a fine little place which is highly cultivated and returns to him a substantial annual income.

In 1853 Mr. Murphy was married in Muskingum county, Ohio, to Miss Susan Feagans, who was born in Virginia township, Coshocton county, Ohio, December 15, 1834, a daughter of William Feagan, who was a native of Virginia. Her father married a Miss Vickers and died in Ohio. The death of Mrs. Murphy occurred in Muscatine, June 5, 1906. She had reared a family of three children: James E., who is now a mail carrier of Muscatine; Mary Adaline, at home; and Bessie, the wife of George E. Sawyer, of Bloomington township.

Mr. Murphy has long been a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He is a fine old man of strong intelligence and of retentive powers of memory, and he relates many interesting incidents of the early days when Muscatine was a small town and the district around about was largely an uncultivated and undeveloped region.

CLAYTON S. JAMES.

The name of James is well known in Muscatine county, the family having for many years been identified with the agricultural development of this section. Clayton S. James belongs to the second generation of the family in this county and has proven himself to be a worthy representative of good ancestry. Born in Wapsinonoc township, January 8, 1881, he is a son of Gad James, record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Clayton S. James received good educational advantages in the district schools and grew up as a member of a large family, performing his part as the years passed in work about the house and in the fields. Even as a boy he showed a natural inclination for agricultural pursuits. He continued at home until reaching maturity, when he purchased one hundred acres of the old homestead, which he has since greatly improved by the erection of buildings and fences and the setting out of shade and ornamental trees, making it one of the highly desirable properties of the township. He is engaged in general farming but gives special attention to raising and feeding cattle and hogs. He is a good judge of the grade and value of stock, and, being a man of industrious habits,

he stands high in the estimation of his neighbors and of the entire community. Everything about his place indicates that he has prospered in his calling and is in comfortable circumstances.

In September, 1907, Mr. James was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Heath, a native of Johnson county, Iowa, and a daughter of Charles and Lucinda Heath, who are both living in Johnson county. The home of Mr. and Mrs. James has been brightened by the arrival of a son, Raymond H., who was born September 5, 1909.

Ever since attaining his majority Mr. James has cast his ballot for the republican party, believing in so doing he is promoting the permanent welfare of the entire community. He is an active worker for the best interests of the township and county, and his voice is always heard in support of what in his opinion is right and true. He and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist Protestant church, and their home is a welcome gathering place for the young people for many miles around.

THOMAS FRANKLIN BEVERIDGE, M. D.

Dr. Thomas Franklin Beveridge, physician and surgeon of Muscatine, with offices in the German-American Bank building, is a representative of that progressive element of the profession which is constantly seeking out new and improved methods to alleviate suffering and restore health. Moreover, his judgment is seldom, if ever, at fault in recognizing the value of an idea or procedure in practice and his labors have therefore been attended with excellent results.

Ohio numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Highland county, December 7, 1866. He is one of the nine children who were born unto Samuel and Christina (Kinzer) Beveridge. He represents one of the old families of Ohio, his great-grandparents having been residents of that state. It was there that Thomas Henry Beveridge, the grandfather, was born and lived until after his marriage, when he removed to Sullivan, Illinois. He made farming his life work and died at the advanced age of seventy-seven years, having long survived his wife, who passed away when about forty-four years of age. Their children were: Jacob, Samuel, LeRoy, John, Columbia, Elizabeth, America and Albert J., United States senator from Indiana.

Samuel Beveridge, the father of Dr. Beveridge, was born in Ohio, was reared to the occupation of farming and for many years engaged in the tilling of the soil. In 1881 he became a resident of Iowa, settling at Villisca, where he still resides. Some years ago he retired from farming, and is engaged in business as a dealer in poultry, butter and eggs. He wedded Christina Kinzer, who was born in Virginia, as were her parents. Her father died in early life and her mother lived to the age of sixty-eight years. They had six children, including Christina, who became the wife of Samuel Beveridge and passed away in 1886 at the age of forty-two years. She was a faithful member of the Christian church, to which Mr. Beveridge also belongs. He proved his loyalty to his country at the

time of the Civil war, enlisting as a private of the Eighty-first Ohio Heavy Artillery, with which he served for two and a half years. His family included three sons and six daughters, namely: Dr. Thomas F., of this review; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Thomas J. Moffitt; Effie, the wife of Dr. J. H. Wallahan of Corning, Iowa; Cora, who married W. C. Burge of Villisca, Iowa; John, of Spokane, Washington; Henry, of Hebron, Iowa; Sarah, the wife of Carl Stanley, of Corning, Iowa; Minnie, who wedded F. A. Swan of Vancouver, Washington; and Anna, the wife of Edward E. Phillips of Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Dr. Beveridge was reared in Highland county, Ohio, to the age of fifteen years and began his education in the public schools there. He then accompanied his parents to Iowa and spent the remainder of his minority in Villisca, supplementing his early educational training by a two years' course in the Iowa State University, while later he entered the Kentucky School of Medicine at Louisville and there prepared for a professional career. Following his graduation, he located for practice in Bridgewater, South Dakota, and in 1901 came to Muscatine, where he has since lived. His professional work has been entirely satisfactory to the public, for it is known that he is most careful in the diagnosis of a case and extremely conscientious in the discharge of his professional duties. Moreover, his wide reading has kept him in touch with the work of the leading members of the profession, and he readily adopts the improved methods which his judgment indicates as of value.

On the 13th of May, 1896, Dr. Beveridge was married to Miss Clara Overman, who was born near Atalissa, Muscatine county, a daughter of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Barkalow) Overman, who are residents of Muscatine. Her father was a son of Enoch Overman, a native of Ohio, who became a merchant. He married Miss Sarah Baldwin and they removed westward, becoming pioneer settlers of Muscatine county, where the grandfather operated the old Overman ferry. Both he and his wife died when well advanced in years. They reared a family of eight children: Sophia, Hannah, Mary, Ann, Caroline, Cyrus, Jesse and Levi. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Beveridge was Derrick G. Barkalow, a native of Ohio, who made farming his life work. He wedded Maria Beech, who died in the Buckeye state, and subsequently he removed to Iowa, when this was still a frontier region. The family of Derrick and Maria Barkalow numbered twelve children: Lewis, Munson, Benjamin, William, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, and five who died in infancy. Following the death of his first wife, Derrick Barkalow wedded Mrs. Susan Jackson and they had two children, Derrick and Nina. The parents of Mrs. Beveridge had a family of three daughters and two sons: Mrs. Maidie Nachbaur; Mrs. Harriet Moore; Mrs. Clara O. Beveridge; and Junius and Clyde, both deceased.

Dr. Beveridge belongs to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., and has also taken the degrees of the Royal Arch chapter. In strictly professional lines he is connected with the Muscatine County Medical Society, the Iowa State Medical Society and the National Medical Association. He spent the summer of 1894 at Vienna, Austria, in research and post-graduate work, and is now president of the board of trustees of the Benjamin Hershey Memorial Hospital. His political allegiance is unfalteringly given to the republican party and he is never

remiss in the duties of citizenship, yet has never sought nor desired office as a reward for party fealty. He and his wife are members of the First Baptist church of Muscatine and reside at No. 1505 Mulberry avenue in a pleasant home, which is noted for its warm-hearted and genuine hospitality.

JOHN M. KEMBLE.

John M. Kemble is actively connected with the profession which has important bearing upon the stable prosperity of any community. He has given proof of his ability as both attorney and counsel which attest his thorough knowledge of the law and his ability to correctly apply its principles.

He was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, April 11, 1856, and is one of eight children whose parents were Amos and Margaret Jane (Appel) Kemble. The father was a farmer in young manhood and took up the study of medicine, expecting to make its practice his life work but failing health compelled him to abandon that plan. In 1850 he arrived in Iowa, reaching Keokuk on the 1st day of April, and he made his way from that place to a point about twenty miles east of Des Moines in Jasper county, where he took up his abode. There he followed farming until 1854, when he removed to Oskaloosa, residing there until 1880. While there he turned his attention to the business of canning fruit and vegetables, the undertaking claiming his attention for seven years. In 1880 he removed to Muscatine, where he built two factories. He is now engaged in the cement contracting business at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He and his wife were both born on the 15th of September, 1827, and on the 12th of March, 1910, they celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Both have led earnest Christian lives as faithful members of the Methodist church, and Mr. Kemble has also been prominent in the public affairs of the community, acting as the first deputy sheriff and later as sheriff of Mahaska county, Iowa.

In their family were eight children, as follows: Emma G., the widow of F. M. Hadley of Muscatine; Nora, the wife of John R. Terry of Muscatine; Hiram K., also of Muscatine; John M., of this review; Ida Jane, the wife of W. F. Hinsley of Lexington, Missouri; William E., of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Josephine, residing in Lexington, Missouri; and Charles W., engaged in the real-estate, loan and insurance business in Muscatine.

The ancestral history of Mr. Kemble may be traced to Peter Kemble, who came from England about 1728 and settled at Dividing Creek, New Jersey. He was a member of the governor's council from 1740 until 1774. One of his descendants was John Kemble, the grandfather of John M. Kemble, who was born in Ohio in 1803 and lived in Columbiana county, that state, where he followed the occupation of farming. He married Elizabeth Frost and both died in the Buckeye state, the former when about seventy-two years of age, while his wife survived him for eight or ten years. Their family numbered nine children: Amos, Milton, Hiram, Elizabeth, Ira, Samuel, Joseph, Martha and Kay. The maternal grandfather was John Appel, who engaged in the teaming business, hauling supplies over the Alleghany mountains from Harrisburg to Pitts-

burg until killed in an accident while on one of the trips. His widow long survived him.

John M. Kemble was reared in his native city and was a pupil in the public schools until he completed the high-school course by graduation with the class of 1875. Because of impaired health he at once ceased from all study for a time and joined his father in the canning business, which he aided in carrying on from 1875 until 1882. In 1881 he took up the study of law and diligently applied himself to the mastery of the principles of jurisprudence, was admitted to the bar in January, 1882, and located for practice in Wilton, Iowa. In March of the following year he came to Muscatine, where he has since practiced his profession. Earnest effort, close application and the exercise of his native talents have won him prestige as a lawyer. An excellent presence, an earnest manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and the ability to accurately apply its principles makes him an effective and successful counselor.

On the 20th of June, 1889, Mr. Kemble was married to Miss Sarah Eva Waggoner, a daughter of John and Hetty (Coe) Waggoner, who were early settlers of this state but were natives of Ohio. Mrs. Kemble was born in Oskaloosa. Her mother died when Mrs. Kemble was but seven years of age, passing away in 1865, and her father passed away in August, 1910. David V., a brother of Mrs. Kemble, lives in Oskaloosa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kemble six children have been born: Ralph, who died in infancy; Hetty Margaret; Harold John; Mildred; Charles Amos; and William Clifford, who died in October, 1909.

The parents are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and take an active and helpful part in its work, Mr. Kemble now serving as secretary of the official board. He has been quite active in politics as a staunch supporter of the republican party, and was the republican candidate for representative in the Iowa legislature in the fall of 1910. He has served as chairman of the county central committee, has been a member of the congressional committee and for nine years—from 1889 until 1898, served on the state central committee. He was internal revenue collector for the fourth district of Iowa from February, 1898, to August, 1902. He has been a man of influence in the party, his opinions carrying weight in its councils while his efforts have been elements in its success. He and his family now live at No. 1155 Lucas street, in a residence which was erected by Governor Lowe, and they are prominent in social circles of the community.

W. P. HITCHCOCK.

W. P. Hitchcock, of Lake township, who is now cultivating the farm upon which his father located more than fifty years ago, was born on this place, February 21, 1859. He is a son of J. C. and Phoebe Cassandra (Chapman) Hitchcock, the former a native of Kent, Ohio, and the latter of Cass county, this state. The father came to Muscatine county in 1847 and the mother in 1856. During the gold excitement J. C. Hitchcock went to California but soon came to the conclusion that mining was not according to his taste and he returned to Muscatine

county, where later he took up land under a Mexican land warrant. He was married in 1858 and continued upon his farm until his death, which occurred February 15, 1904. He was an industrious and energetic man and at the time of his demise was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of well improved land. Mrs. Hitchcock died January 5, 1911. In their family were nine children: W. P., our subject; Nancy B., the wife of W. W. West, of Alabama; Cornelia L., Now Mrs. John Hoopes of Lake township; Josiah, who was born June 30, 1863, and departed this life November 25, 1865; Alice May, who was born May 15, 1868, and died September 16, 1870; Johanna B., the wife of John T. Dirstine, of the state of Washington; George F., who was born June 16, 1873, and died June 7, 1874; Cora P., who was born May 15, 1875, and died May 4, 1891; and Frances H., a graduate of Valparaiso University, and also of the Chicago Training School for Home and Foreign Missions, who went to China as a missionary in 1905 and continued there for five years, and is now the wife of Raymond C. Ricker, of New Jersey.

The subject of this review received his preliminary education in the common schools and attended business college in Davenport for some time, but being a man of close observation, he has learned a great deal in the course of his business career which is not taught in books. With the exception of three years which he spent upon another farm in Muscatine county, he has devoted his attention to the home place, where he has engaged in general farming, making a specialty of raising and breeding Poland China hogs, in which he has been highly successful, having delivered from his farm some of the finest specimens of this breed that have been produced in Muscatine county. He also feeds and raises stock for the market and is generally able to command good prices for what he has for sale. He gives his allegiance to the democratic party, accepting its principles as those best adapted to advance the permanent welfare of the country. He has been honored by election to various offices and is now serving as township trustee and clerk and also as justice of the peace, filling these positions with an ability that meets the hearty acceptance of voters regardless of party affiliation. No man in the locality stands higher in the estimation of those who know him than the gentleman whose record is herewith presented.

WILLIS HAROLD CROZER.

Willis Harold Crozer engaged in business as a member of the firm of Watson & Crozer, contractors for plumbing, heating, gas-fitting and sewer-work and gas and mill supplies, is a native of Downey, Iowa, born September 21, 1879. His parents were Willis and Dora (Cornwall) Crozer, natives of Ohio and Iowa respectively. His grandfather, James Crozer, was born in the Buckeye state and devoted his early life to farming, but, following his removal to Iowa, became one of the first settlers of Downey and there turned his attention to merchandising. He made the journey westward by way of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers before the era of railroad travel and landed at Muscatine, living in the country for a short time. He then removed to Downey, where he opened a store, which he con-

ducted successfully for many years, being numbered among the leading and progressive merchants of the town. At length when success had come to him in liberal measure he put aside business cares and lived retired until 1893, when his death occurred at the age of seventy years. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Johannah Whitesell, is still living at Downey at the advanced age of eighty-five years. They were the parents of six children: Charles, Emma, Willis, Kate, Frank and Joseph.

The maternal grandfather of Willis Harold Crozer was Armenas B. Cornwall, who on removing from New York settled first in Ohio and afterward came to Iowa, spending much of his life on a farm near Downey. At length he too retired from active business and took up his abode in Downey, where he died when about eighty years of age. He married Margaret Loy, who is still living in Downey at the age of eighty-five. They had a large family, their children being Mary, George, Helen, Dora, Alice, John, Elizabeth, Jessie, and two who died in early childhood.

Willis Crozer, the father of Willis Harold Crozer, was brought to Iowa in his youthful days and was reared in Downey, where he acquired a common-school education and then took up the study of telegraphy. He followed that occupation during much of his life, and as station agent and operator remained at Downey for a number of years. He was also a member of the firm of Crozer Brothers, general merchants of Downey, and subsequently was in partnership with Frank Gregg in the manufacture of cheese for a short time, but not liking that business he returned to telegraphy. He was connected with the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad Company for over twenty years previous to engaging in the manufacture of cheese. About 1895 he went to West Liberty, Iowa, where he was manager of the postal telegraph service, and at the same time he conducted a confectionery and ice cream parlor. He came to Muscatine as the first manager of the postal telegraph service at this point in the fall of 1895 but died here two months later at the age of forty-three years. His first wife, the mother of Willis Harold Crozer, died in 1880. Both were consistent members of the Baptist church. For his second wife the father chose Mary Schenck, of Muscatine county, and unto them two children were born: Robert F. and Kathleen. The mother of these children still survives. There were also two children of the first marriage: Alice, the wife of H. F. Kelch, of Lake View, Iowa, and Willis H. While living at Downey the father served as justice of the peace for seven years and proved a most capable official, his decisions being strictly fair and impartial. In politics he was an earnest republican, unfaltering in his allegiance to the party and its principles. In all matters of citizenship he was progressive and his aid and cooperation could be counted upon to further any movement for the public good.

Willis Harold Crozer was reared in Downey to the age of fourteen years and there attended the public schools. He then put aside his text-books and worked at various odd jobs, but later resumed his studies and was graduated from the Iowa City Academy in 1899 and from the Cedar Rapids Business College in 1901. Thus he was well qualified by educational training for the practical and responsible duties of life. He came to Muscatine in November, 1902, and entered the employ of the Roach & Musser Sash & Door Company, with which he

continued until December, 1909, when he joined William J. Watson in a partnership under the firm style of Watson & Crozer. They have since taken contracts for plumbing, heating, gas-fitting and sewer-work and gas and mill supplies, with their place of business at No. 226 Iowa avenue. They are accorded an extensive patronage and their business is steadily growing along substantial lines.

Mr. Crozer holds membership in the Baptist church and also belongs to Liberty Lodge, No. 190, I. O. O. F., and to the Royal Arcanum. His political endorsement has been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day he does not seek nor wish for office, preferring to concentrate his attention upon his business affairs, which are capably conducted and in which he is making steady progress, winning for himself a creditable position in the business circles of his adopted city.

JACOB DRUMM.

Jacob Drumm, who has always lived within the borders of Muscatine county, has devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career and is now the owner of a well improved farm of eighty acres in Fulton township, where he resides. His birth occurred on the 27th of December, 1870, his parents being Theobald and Ernestine (Micho) Drumm, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States about 1865, coming direct to Muscatine county, Iowa, where the father worked at the blacksmith's trade prior to his marriage. Following that important event in his life he began farming in Montpelier township, this county, being successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest in 1897. His demise was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had won many friends during the long period of his residence here. His remains were interred in the Parr cemetery of Fulton township. His widow, who still survives, now makes her home with her son Jacob. She is a devoted and consistent member of the Lutheran church. Her children were six in number, as follows: Henry, who was born in 1867 and who lives with his brother Jacob; Rosa, the wife of William Oeter, of Muscatine, Iowa; Jacob, of this review; Lena, who gave her hand in marriage to Albert Ager and resides in Sibley, Iowa; Minnie, twin sister of Lena, who also makes her home with our subject; and Vena, who passed away at the age of three years.

Jacob Drumm, who was twenty-seven years of age when his father passed away, at that time took charge of the old homestead farm, operating the same until 1909. In that year he purchased a tract of eighty acres in Fulton township, in the cultivation and improvement of which he has since been busily engaged, now owning one of the good farming properties of the community. He is also the owner of an additional forty acres in Fulton township, which he farms, and is also the owner of one hundred and ninety-eight acres in Louisa county, Iowa. He is alert, energetic and enterprising, keeps in touch with modern methods of agriculture and is meeting with well deserved success in his undertakings.



MR. AND MRS. THEOBALD DRUMM

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Drumm has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. He served in the capacity of road supervisor for four years and was a member of the school board for seven years, ever discharging his official duties in a most prompt and capable manner. He belongs to Pleasant Prairie Grange of Fulton township and is also a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, his word is considered as good as his bond, and he has the entire confidence and respect of those with whom he comes in contact either in business or social affairs.

WILLIAM J. WATSON.

William J. Watson is the senior partner of the firm of Watson & Crozer, contractors for plumbing, hot water and steam heating at No. 226 Iowa avenue in Muscatine. He is yet a young man but has become well established in business and his patronage is constantly increasing. He was born in Logan county, Ohio, March 21, 1878, and is a son of John C. and Amanda (Elder) Watson, both of whom were natives of Ohio. Their family numbers two children, the sister of our subject being Mrs. Ella Freeland, the wife of Edward Freeland, of Marion, Kansas. The family is an old one in Ohio. The great-grandfather, William Watson, Sr., was a native of County Cork, Ireland, and on coming to America in 1813 settled on Cherokee creek, in Logan county, Ohio, where he died in old age. His son built a house on that place, a part of which is still standing. The grandfather, William Watson, Jr., was born in that state and devoted his life to farming. He wedded Mary Crawford and both lived to old age, the grandmother dying in 1908 at the remarkable age of ninety-two years. They had six children, Caroline, John C., Rebecca, Park, Georgia and Mary, who passed away in young womanhood. The maternal grandfather, Dr. Abraham Elder, was also a native of Ohio and was a son of Robert Elder, who made his home in the vicinity of Huntsville, becoming one of the venerable residents there. His son, Dr. Elder, for many years practiced his profession in Huntsville, where he died at an advanced age. He wedded Mary Wallace, a daughter of Rev. James Wallace, one of the pioneer preachers of the United Presbyterian church in that district. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Elder there were born five children, as follows; Wallace, Carrie, Amanda, Vada and Orrie.

John C. Watson, the father of Mr. Watson of this review, was reared as a farmer boy in Logan county, Ohio, and in 1886 removed to Newton, Kansas, where he remained for four years. He then turned his attention to bridge contracting and removed to Marion, Kansas, where he still makes his home, although he is now living retired. His first wife died in 1878 and later he wedded Caroline Weiser, by whom he had four children, Charles, Mary, Carrie and Orley, all residents of Marion, Kansas, with the exception of Orley, who makes his home in Cherryville, Kansas.

William J. Watson was a lad of nine years when his parents removed from Ohio to Kansas, and in the city of Marion his boyhood and youth were passed.

There he attended the public schools and during vacation periods worked with his father. After his education was completed he began learning the plumber's trade, which he has since followed, and his success is undoubtedly due in large measure to the fact that he has always continued in the line in which he embarked as a young tradesman, his constantly broadening experience making him more capable and otherwise securing him a growing patronage. He came to Muscatine in 1903 and worked as a journeyman here until 1907, when he embarked in business on his own account. In December, 1909, he was joined by W. H. Crozer in a partnership under the firm name of Watson & Crozer, and they now have one of the leading plumbing establishments of this city and are enjoying a gratifying trade.

Fraternally Mr. Watson is well known, belonging to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; to the Elks lodge, in which he served as exalted ruler in 1907-08; and to the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He likewise holds membership with the Bachelor Club and gives his political support to the democratic party. He is one of the popular young men of the city, widely and favorably known in social as well as business circles. He is making his impress felt in the industrial life of the community and is steadily progressing toward the goal of prosperity.

WILLIAM S. HILL.

William S. Hill, Muscatine's mayor and an official whose first interest is the welfare and progress of his city, was here born on the 9th of October, 1853. The family name has long been an honored one in this part of Iowa. Comparatively little is known concerning the ancestral history of the family, for the paternal grandfather, who was born in Rhode Island, died when a young man. Unto him and his wife, Mrs. Hannah Hill, there were born several children, including Samuel B., Sylvester G. and Sarah, the wife of Henry O'Connor.

General Sylvester G. Hill was born at North Kingston, Rhode Island, June 10, 1820, and the public schools of his native city afforded him his educational privileges. He made his preliminary step in business circles by learning the cabinet maker's trade and during his early manhood went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he embarked in the furniture business. While there he was united in marriage on the 15th of October, 1843, to Miss Martha J. Dyer, a native of Maine and a daughter of David Dyer, who was born in the Pine Tree state and was of English descent. In early life her father followed the sea. He came to Muscatine about 1854, accompanied by his wife, who died soon afterward. His death occurred after the Civil war, when he was eighty-four years of age. In later life he followed gardening.

Mrs. Martha J. Hill, born in Maine, accompanied her parents to Cincinnati, Ohio, in her childhood days and there was married. In that city the parents of our subject began their domestic life, remaining residents of Cincinnati until 1849, when the gold discoveries of California attracted his attention and he sold his store, going to the Pacific coast with those who sought fortunes in the mines. In 1850 he returned, however, and the following year came with his family to Muscatine, where he engaged in the lumber business in connection with S. G.

Stein. To his mercantile interests he devoted his time and attention until 1862, when he put aside business cares and personal considerations in order to aid the country, then engaged in Civil war. He raised a company for active duty at the front and on the 10th of August was commissioned colonel of the Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry. With his regiment he entered at once into active service. His eldest son, Edwin, had previously enlisted on the 23d of July, 1861, and became a member of Company A, Seventh Iowa Infantry. He was captured at the battle of Belmont, Georgia, and was afterward exchanged and served until the close of hostilities. Fred, the second son, enlisted October 30, 1863, as a private of Company D, Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry, was detailed to serve on his father's staff and was killed by being shot through the forehead by a minie ball on the 18th of May, 1864, while in the discharge of his duty at the battle of Bayou Glaize or Yellow Bayou. He was a bright, scholarly boy, seventeen years of age, of rare promise, and was highly esteemed by his comrades and friends because of his manly and noble qualities. At the time of his death he had just delivered an order given by his father and was on his return to his post when he encountered a squad of about twenty men of the Fifty-eighth Illinois, who had become separated from their regiment. He told them to follow him and just as they started he was struck by the fatal bullet and fell from his horse dead. The riderless horse dashed by where his father stood and Colonel Hill, turning to look for his son, was at that moment wounded by a gunshot in the foot. He was disabled but a short time, however, and after resuming his command was made brigadier-general of the United States Infantry and assigned to the command of the Third Brigade, First Division, Army of the Tennessee, under General George H. Thomas. General Hill lost his life while commanding his brigade when charging a fort at the battle of Nashville on the 15th of December, 1864. His brigade made the charge successfully and captured the fort, but their gallant leader fell, shot through the head by a minie ball while bravely leading his men to victory. Thus died one of the noblest of the heroic defenders of the Union in that fearful struggle. General Hill left a wife and nine children to mourn his loss. He was a man of superior mental attainments, possessed rare traits of character and strong individuality. He became a republican upon the organization of the party and was ever most loyal in support of his honest convictions, whether in private life or upon the battlefields of the south. In closing a brief sketch of his life at the funeral the Rev. A. B. Robbins said: "He was strong in his patriotism, ever a lover of liberty, without which love there can be no genuine patriotism. He was always an abolitionist—not a young convert from the necessity of the case in order to save the Union, but from his innate sense of justice and love of freedom. Attached to the institutions of his country, he wished to see them descend to his children with no vile excrescence thereon. A patriot, giving as a reason for going out in defense of his country that which others, many of them, would consider a reason for staying at home, namely: that he, with such a family, had more at stake in securing free institutions for the future. A patriot, bearing without a murmur the fall of one noble son by his side and the long and much-more-to-be-dreaded imprisonment service of his eldest son in behalf of his country. The spontaneous expression of respect and interest on the part of this whole community, the warm and hearty attach-

ment of his fellow soldiers, the uniform respect of those his superior in rank in the army, is evidence enough that no common man is taken from us."

The family of General and Mrs. Hill numbered eleven children, seven sons and four daughters, namely: Edwin, who is a resident of Seattle, Washington; Harry, who died in infancy; Fred, who was killed in the Civil war when a youth of seventeen; Mattie A., the deceased wife of John C. Kelley, proprietor of the Sioux City Tribune; Frank A., a mining engineer of Seattle, Washington; William S., of this review; Mary, the wife of Edwin Wade, of Wollaston, Massachusetts; Rowland G., who has passed away; Sallie O., the deceased wife of John C. Kelley; Susan, who is the wife of H. F. Clough, of Seattle, Washington; and Sylvester G., a dentist of Seattle.

William S. Hill, whose name introduces this record, was reared in Muscatine and attended the public schools. He afterward became a page in the house of representatives at Washington, D. C., occupying the position from 1865 until 1870. For two or three years he worked at the printing business and later followed civil engineering until twenty-one years of age. At that time he began farming on the island south of Muscatine and devoted ten years to general agricultural pursuits. He next spent about two years in Ishpeming, Michigan, after which he returned to Muscatine and established a retail grocery business, which he conducted for eighteen years. In all of his business affairs he has been actuated by a spirit of progress that has brought him substantial returns and his reliability in all trade transactions has gained for him the respect and confidence of his fellowmen. He is now one of the stockholders and directors of the German-American Bank.

On the 23d of September, 1880, Mr. Hill was married to Miss Lydia Freeman, who was born in Muscatine, September 7, 1858. Her parents were Joseph P. and Lydia M. A. (Parvin) Freeman, natives of Pennsylvania and Indiana respectively. The former was the son of William and Lucinda (Irwin) Freeman and William Freeman was a soldier of the war of 1812. The maternal grandparents of Mrs. Hill were William and Hannah (Westcott) Parvin. Her father, Joseph P. Freeman came to Muscatine at an early period in the development of the city, arriving in 1840. Here he wedded Lydia Parvin, who came about the same time. The death of Mr. Freeman occurred in 1902, when he was eighty-seven years of age, and his wife passed away in 1885 at the age of sixty-two. They were the parents of nine children: Thomas J., who died in infancy; William P., who is deceased; Franklin; Sarah M., the wife of Thomas Watson, of Muscatine; Delia, the deceased wife of William Scott; Charles F., of Dallas, Texas; Lydia, who is the wife of our subject; Maggie, who died in early life; and Mary Ann, who also passed away when very young.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hill have been born a daughter and two sons: Laura M., the wife of Henry W. Metzger, of Muscatine, and the mother of one son, William Hill Metzger; Joseph F., a farmer living near Royalton, Minnesota, who married Miss Mary Battey; and Ralph P., who died at the age of eighteen years.

In his political views Mr. Hill is a republican, having always supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. The splendid reputation which he had made in business circles and his worth as a citizen led to his election to the office of mayor, to which he was called in the spring of 1910. He

is giving a public-spirited, businesslike administration and already has accomplished needed reforms and promoted valuable improvements in the city. In public affairs he manifests the same spirit which caused his gallant father, General Sylvester G. Hill, to go to the front in the Civil war and valiantly lead his forces in the face of the enemy.

HENRY HEINZ.

Henry Heinz, editor and owner of the Muscatine Herold, a twelve page weekly newspaper published in German, was born in Davenport, Iowa, March 10, 1856. The family name indicates his German lineage. His parents, Bonaventura and Margaret (Traenkenschuh) Heinz, were both natives of Germany, the former born in Baden and the latter in Bavaria. The father was a post and stage-coach driver of Baden but, leaving Germany in the early '40s, came to America, landing at New Orleans, whence he made his way northward to St. Louis. There he enlisted for service in the Mexican war. He was afterward married in that city, and he and his wife conducted a boarding house there. In 1855 they removed to Davenport, where Mr. Heinz conducted a commission house and also dealt in steamboat supplies. He died in Davenport at the age of seventy-five years, after celebrating his golden wedding. His widow survived him and passed away at the age of eighty years and six months, spending her last days at the home of her daughter in Chicago. The family numbered three sons and three daughters who lived to adult age: Frederick, an attorney who was once mayor of Davenport but is now deceased; Henry, of this review; John, who is engaged in the practice of law in Davenport; Caroline, who has passed away; Fredericka, the wife of the Rev. Theodore Hansen, of Dubuque county, Iowa; and Elizabeth, the wife of the Rev. Eugene Pfund of Chicago.

Henry Heinz was reared in Davenport and attended the public schools and also some German schools. When but fourteen years of age he began learning the printer's trade in the office of *Der Demokrat*, a daily German newspaper, which is still published there. In the latter part of 1880 he came to Muscatine and secured a position on the German paper called *Die Wacht Am Mississippi*, with which he was connected for six years. He then worked in the *News Tribune* office for a year and in 1889 began the publication of a paper of his own called *Der Correspondent*, a German weekly, which he conducted for nearly eighteen years and then consolidated it with the *Anzeiger*. At that date both names were dropped and the new publication was issued under the name of *Der Herold*. This is an independent democratic paper published in German and has a large patronage among the German speaking people of Muscatine and this section of the state. He has made it one of the leading German papers of the middle west, and it has a marked influence among the sons of the fatherland through the intelligent discussion of public questions.

On the 16th of May, 1888, Mr. Heinz was married to Miss Anna Schmelzer, a daughter of Henry C and Elizabeth (Doerring) Schmelzer. Mrs. Heinz was born in Muscatine, January 1, 1860. Her parents, who were natives of Hessen,

Germany, became early settlers of this city, where they were married and spent their remaining days. They had five children: Anna; Elizabeth, deceased; Henry; William; and Charles. The father belonged to the regular army in Germany. After coming to America he conducted a wagon manufacturing plant at Muscatine and was closely associated with the industrial development of the city. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Heinz have been born two sons: Carl B., who is now collector for the Iowa Telephone Company; and Henry F., who is employed in the office of the wholesale grocery house of J. M. Gobble & Company.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Heinz were reared in the Lutheran faith, and he belongs to the Odd Fellows and to the Modern Woodmen of America. He is also president of the Turners Society and is secretary of the Maennerchor, both of which societies he founded. He is likewise secretary of the German-American Press Association of the west and is a member of the National Geographic Society. These associations indicate much of the nature of his interests and the breadth of his thought. He is likewise a member of the executive board of twenty-one members from Iowa of the National Economic League. He keeps abreast with the best thinking men of the age in the discussion and investigation of political sociology and economic questions, and his opinions carry weight not only among the people of his own nationality but among others as well.

ADAM OGILVIE.

In the month of June, 1836, a westward bound sailing vessel had among its passengers Adam Ogilvie, then a young man in the early thirties. In July he landed at New York and soon afterward started for the Mississippi valley, arriving in September at the little trading post then known as Bloomington, the predecessor of the present flourishing city of Muscatine. With marked prescience he recognized the opportunities here owing to the advantageous geographical situation and resolved that he would locate. He was for many years the oldest general merchant in the city and no history of Muscatine would be complete without extended reference to him who was ever an honored and respected citizen here during the period of his residence in the county.

He was of Scotch birth and parentage. At the manse of Glengarrick, which figures in Scottish history, he was born in January, 1804. This farm, which is situated in the parish of Keith in Banffshire, Scotland, has been in possession of the family from remote generations and is still owned by one of the branches of the Scotch Ogilvies. He was the tenth son of William and Margaret (Anderson) Ogilvie, and his early life was passed at the manse. When eighteen years of age he was apprenticed to a merchant, John Ingraham, in the city of Keith, serving a three years' term of indenture, and his ability was such that in course of time he was promoted to the position of head man in the establishment. Subsequently he engaged in the same line of business on his own account, being numbered among the merchants of Keith for eight years.

In the spring of 1836, however, he sold out and in the month of June, as previously stated, sailed for the United States. He remained for only a brief period

in New York city and then started with relatives for the "far west," as the Mississippi valley was then considered. It was about the 1st of September when he reached Bloomington, a little trading post on the western frontier. He purchased several lots and decided to establish his home. Yet desiring to know something of this section of the country, he started on a trip that took him up the river as far as Dubuque, thence eastward to Galesburg, Illinois, and from that point across the country to Burlington, Iowa, and on back to Bloomington. He traveled the entire journey on foot, much of the way in deep snow through an almost unsettled country. His sagacity was the source of his belief in the future and in 1837 he opened a general stock of goods in a little log cabin on Water street. This was the second mercantile house in Bloomington, if the old trading post is to be regarded as the first. The log cabin was soon supplanted by a substantial two-story structure on the same street, the lower story of which he occupied for business purposes, while the second story was used as a residence. Thirteen years later this building was removed to make way for a brick building of much greater pretensions. The timbers of the old wooden building were all fitted, squared and framed on the lot where the house stood. Joists, studding, rafters and weatherboarding were made from trees generally growing in close proximity to the lot, while the flooring, which was of oak, was brought from Drury's Mills in Illinois, and the pine lumber for sash, doors and finishing and all the shingles were brought from Cincinnati, Ohio, at considerable expense. In 1844, having purchased a tract of sixty acres adjoining the town, Mr. Ogilvie built an elegant and commodious residence, which in honor of the ancestral home of his native land he called the Manse of Glengarrick. There he spent the remainder of his days in the company of his wife and children and his home was ever the center of his universe.

Mr. Ogilvie was married in New York city, August 9, 1837, to Miss Isabella Milne, a daughter of Peter and Isabella Milne. Mrs. Ogilvie was born in Keith, Scotland, and after her mother's death in that country, she accompanied her father to America, the time of their arrival in the new world being in June, 1837. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ogilvie were born four sons and one daughter. Charles Duff, the eldest, died in childhood. William Henry, who lived to middle age, died unmarried on the 9th of March, 1878. Charles B., who was born in Muscatine, January 14, 1845, was graduated from Princeton College with the class of 1867. He later studied law in Columbia College of New York and was admitted to the bar in 1872. He was married in Muscatine, October 17, 1877, to Miss Lucy Jackson, a daughter of Alexander Jackson, a prominent pioneer of this city. Frank A., the next member of the family, passed away April 17, 1878. Isabella, the only daughter, and the second in order of birth, is the wife of Colonel C. C. Horton, who served in the Civil war as a member of the Second Iowa Cavalry and was later an officer of the pension department, making his home in Muscatine.

Mr. Ogilvie continued in active connection with merchandising up to the time of his death and for a long period was the oldest merchant in years of continuous connection with the trade in Muscatine. His business increased with the growth of the city and he became one of the prosperous and substantial residents there. He also engaged during the later years of his life in the real-estate busi-

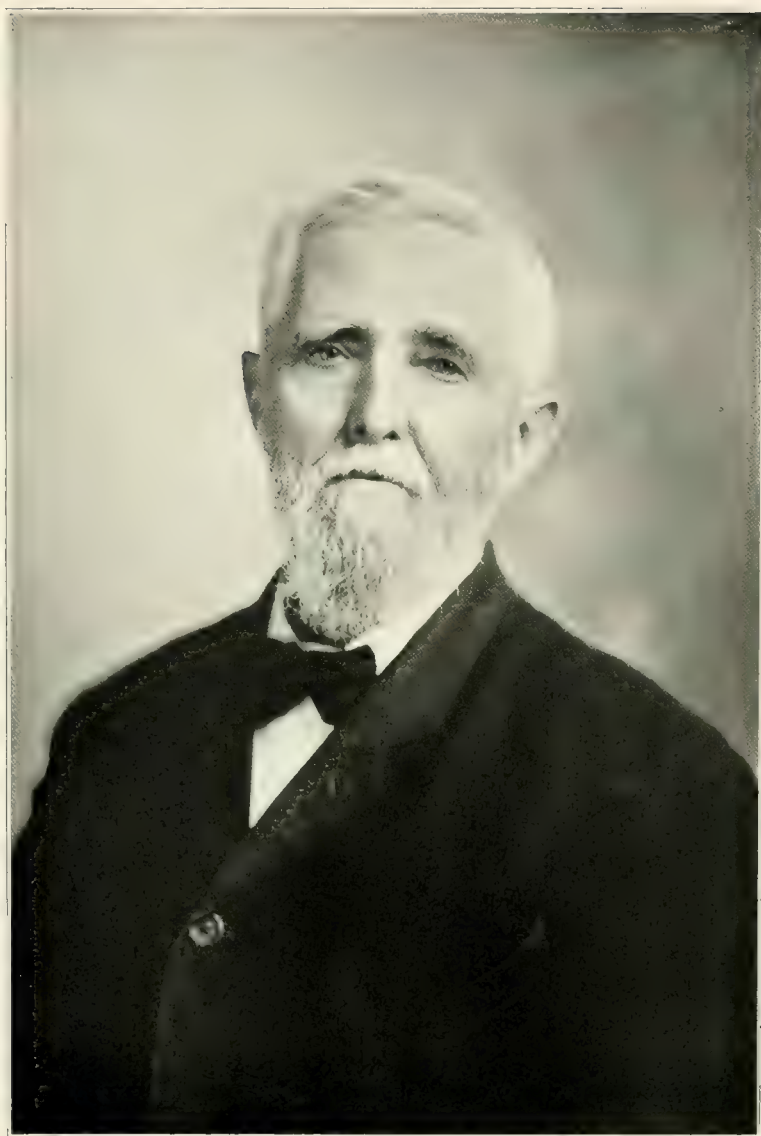
ness but his success was mainly attributable to his operations in mercantile lines. He was an upright, honorable man in every relation of life, both public and private, was genial and affable in manner and was always ready to accomodate a neighbor or a friend to the extent of his ability. His substantial qualities therefore won him the good-will and high regard of all with whom he came in contact. His death occurred on the 5th of February, 1865, when he was in the sixty-first year of his age and was sincerely mourned by the community in which he had so long occupied a prominent place as one of the most worthy of the early pioneers. His estimable wife survived him for many years.

His part as a factor in public life was such as contributed in large measure to the improvement and development of this section of the state. He was regarded as a most enterprising and progressive citizen and, moreover, he was a man of most charitable and kindly spirit, giving freely of his means to benevolent and religious work. He contributed most generously toward the erection of the Presbyterian church of this city, of which he was a devoted member. In the early settlement of Muscatine, section 35 of township 77 north, range 2 west, was granted to Muscatine county for public purposes and the county commissioners appointed Mr. Ogilvie their agent to receive payments and to deed to each one his particular lot. This delicate duty was performed with entire satisfaction to all concerned. No trust reposed in him was ever betrayed in the slightest degree. He deserves to be honored as one of the upbuilders of the community, his labors at all times proving an element in the substantial growth, progress and development in material, intellectual, social and moral lines.

COLONEL BENJAMIN BEACH.

Colonel Benjamin Beach, overseer of the poor at Muscatine, is a citizen whose position in the public regard is a most enviable one. He is an old settler and an old soldier, and in days of peace as in days of war he has ever been most loyal to the best interests of his country. Progress and patriotism might well be termed the keynote of his character.

His birth occurred in Hamilton, Butler county, Ohio, January 20, 1827, and in March, 1850, he came to Muscatine, where he has now made his home for more than sixty years. His father, John Beach, was a native of New Jersey, and after arriving at years of maturity he wedded Rosanna Wilson, a native of Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She was born in 1800, and when four years of age went to Hamilton, Ohio, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Wilson. Her father, who was a farmer by occupation and an early settler of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, died when about eighty-six years of age. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Beach was celebrated in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1820, and they became the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters: Mary, who married Orrin Line; Susan, the wife of Johnson McGehen; Wilson; Benjamin; Sarah Jane, the wife of John Hart; and Catharine, the wife of A. Chumley. All are now deceased with the exception of Colonel Beach. The father was a blacksmith and for a long period followed that trade at Hamilton, Ohio, where he died in 1832,



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when forty-one years of age. His wife passed away in 1877 at the age of seventy-seven years. They were Presbyterians in religious faith.

Colonel Beach lived in Hamilton, Ohio, until fifteen years of age and attended school there. He afterward went to Richmond, Indiana, to learn the tinner's trade, which he followed for many years. In 1846 he enlisted at Hamilton, Ohio, for service in the Mexican war, joining the company commanded by John B. Weller. He served for a year as a private, and again he responded to the country's call for aid on the 17th of April, 1861, when he enlisted as a Union soldier and was made first lieutenant of Company A of the First Iowa Infantry, with which he served for three months. He then organized a company for the Eleventh Iowa and was made captain of Company H in October, 1861, acting as its commander for three years. Later he was promoted lieutenant colonel and took command of the regiment at Galesville, Alabama, in October, 1864. He had command of the regiment on Sherman's march to the sea and participated in all the Atlanta campaign. He took part in many hard fought battles of the war, never was known to flinch or falter in the face of danger, and when hostilities had ceased participated in the grand review at Washington, D. C. He had taken part in the battle of Monterey in the Mexican war, and in the Civil war was in the battles of Wilson's Creek, Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, and the Atlanta campaign.

After the war Colonel Beach returned to Muscatine and was in the hardware business with William McQuesten for a short time. He then turned his attention to the grocery business, in which he continued for about thirty years, being one of the most respected and worthy merchants of the city. He also acted as postmaster for eight years or until President Cleveland's election, when he resigned and turned his attention to the manufacture of tile. He filled the office of assessor for a number of years, and for the past twelve years has been overseer of the poor. In the discharge of his duties he has proven most competent and faithful, and his record is one which has won for him the high esteem of his fellow townsmen.

On the 29th of November, 1854, Colonel Beach was married to Miss Mary Stevenson, a daughter of George D. Stevenson, and they had one child, but the mother and child died at its birth in 1857. On the 3d of January, 1866, Colonel Beach wedded Miss Mary Josephine Mason, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1841, a daughter of George and Mary E. (Ewing) Mason, who were natives of the Keystone state and in 1852 came to Muscatine. They were prominent residents here and her father served as county judge. He died at the age of eighty years, and his wife also passed away at an advanced age. They were the parents of fifteen children. Unto Colonel and Mrs. Beach have been born three children: George, who died at the age of eighteen years; Fred, who is manager of the Hershey Lumber Company; and Benjamin Robertson. Fred married Emily Rankin and has two children, Glyde and George Burton. Benjamin R. Beach wedded Marie Rankin and has two children, George and Mary.

Colonel and Mrs. Beach are devoted members of the Presbyterian church. He was made a Mason in 1852 and is a member of De Molay Commandery No. 1, K. T., and of nearly all the Masonic bodies of Muscatine is a charter

member. He likewise belongs to Shelby Norman Post, G. A. R., and his political support is given to the republican party. He is indeed Muscatine's "grand old man." Remarkably well preserved for one of his years, he believes in looking on the bright side of life and his optimism has been one of his salient characteristics. No man is held in higher esteem in this community than Colonel Beach.

HAROLD BEECHER STRONG.

Harold B. Strong was born in Wilton Junction, Iowa, where he now lives, December 27, 1880. His father, C. B. Strong, was a native of Otsego county, New York, and came to Iowa about 1860. He located at Wilton Junction and was identified with the grocery business for thirty-five years, a part of the time handling general merchandise. He became quite prominent in mercantile and financial circles and served for eleven years as president of the Union Bank, being instrumental in connection with Dr. A. B. Cooling and J. M. Rider in securing the establishment of the German-American College at Wilton Junction. He was a man of positive convictions and refused at all times to take any active part in politics. Fraternally he was identified with the Masonic order and was a member of the commandery at Muscatine and Kaaba Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., at Davenport, Iowa. Religiously he was connected with the Presbyterian church and for many years served as trustee in that denomination. He departed this life in 1897 and his remains were interred in Oakdale cemetery. The mother of our subject, Harriet (Beecher) Strong, is a native of Hannibal, New York, and a relative of the famous Henry Ward Beecher. She is now living in Wilton Junction. There were three children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Strong: Etta L., now the wife of K. J. McCauley, a Presbyterian minister, of Fulton, Illinois; Anna B., deceased; and Harold Beecher, our subject.

Reared under the parental roof, Harold B. Strong received his preliminary education in the public schools and then took a four years' course at St. John's Military Academy, at Delafield, Wisconsin, graduating in 1901. Desiring to pursue his studies further, he spent one year at the State University of Iowa and two years later entered the general merchandise business at Wilton Junction under the firm name of Strong & Potter. This firm owns a fine new building thirty by one hundred and ten feet in foundation area and carries a large and well selected stock which meets the demands of a wide region in Muscatine county.

In 1903 Mr. Strong was united in marriage to Miss Mabelle Eversol of St. Louis, and one child, Virginia Louise, born February 8, 1910, has blessed this union. Mr. Strong is an active member of the Masonic order, serving as master of the blue lodge at Wilton Junction in 1909-1910. He is identified with the chapter and commandery at Muscatine and the consistory and shrine at Davenport, Iowa, and he and his wife are both members of the Eastern Star at Wilton Junction. For three years he was the youngest Scottish Rite Mason in this part of the state. He is a stanch believer in the Christian religion and served as

chairman of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church for three years. A man of fine social qualities and pleasing manner, Mr. Strong has many friends in the county with whose interests he has been intimately connected since his earliest recollection, and he justly ranks as one of the representative citizens of the county.

WILLIAM R. SCHMITT.

One of the most successful of the younger representatives of business interests of Nichols is William R. Schmitt, a member of the firm of Schmitt Brothers, dealers in agricultural implements. In the various duties of life, both public and private, he has aimed at high ideals and has seldom attempted anything that he has not accomplished. He was born in Nichols March 15, 1878, and is a son of Adam and Margaret (Hartman) Schmitt, a record of whom appears in the sketch of Frederick H. Schmitt, brother of our subject, elsewhere in this work.

The early years of William R. Schmitt were spent upon a farm, and there he received a training which has been of great value to him as years have passed. He attended the public schools of Nichols and then became a student of the Muscatine Normal School, later matriculating in the Valparaiso (Ind.) University, from which he was graduated in 1900, having pursued a teacher's and business course. He received an excellent education and after leaving school taught for five years, acquiring a reputation which indicated thorough mental training and unusual ability in school management. However, he was attracted to mercantile life and entered the implement business at Nichols with his brother, in which he has ever since continued. They lost everything in a fire about 1906, the entire establishment being swept away, but they are not men to be easily discouraged, and the store was rebuilt, their patronage being much more extensive now than ever before. In the last two years W. R. Schmitt has also been connected with the real-estate business, buying, selling and listing property for sale. He owns a one-third interest in a section of land in Pike township with F. B. Mapes and G. C. Lindee, and also owns his home and considerable real estate in Nichols.

On the 27th day of June, 1906, he was united in marriage to Miss Lillian Smith, daughter of Sarah and William Smith of Cedar Valley, Iowa. The union proved to be most congenial and the greatest sorrow of his life was the death of his beloved companion December 8, 1907, their only child, Dora Lucile, passing away about the same time. Mrs. Schmitt was a lady of beautiful character and was greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends. She was a member of the Church of Christ, which she joined in 1904, and also belonged to the Rebekahs. The following resolution indicates the respect in which she was held by her associates:

Resolutions in Memory of Our Beloved Sister, Lillian Schmitt, who
Died December 8, 1907.

Whereas, our Heavenly Father has deemed it wise to take from our midst our beloved sister, Mrs. Lillian Schmitt, be it therefore

Resolved, that we the members of Bridgeman Rebekah Lodge No. 14, extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved husband and relatives.

Resolved, that we lost a true friend and the order a faithful member, and that we feel her loss deeply on account of her loving and cheerful disposition.

Resolved, that as a token of respect for our departed sister, our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty days and that this tribute of love to her memory be placed upon the minutes of the lodge and a copy be sent to the husband of our deceased sister and a copy to our local paper for publication.

EDNA HESSER,

EVA JEANS,

ANNA STAFFORD,

Committee.

Mr. Schmitt is a member of the Christian church and an active worker in its behalf, being at the present time superintendent of the Sunday school. Externally, he is connected with Lodge No. 664, I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 445, A. F. & A. M., and Camp No. 4195, M. W. A., and has served as clerk for five years in the last named organization. He has passed through all the chairs in the subordinate lodge of the Odd Fellows and was noble grand for several terms. Politically he is allied with the democratic party and is prominent in its councils in this part of the county. He has served as township clerk for eight years, being the present incumbent, and is now a member of the city council. In all of his activities he has shown an interest and ability that have been highly gratifying, and of him it may truly be said that he occupies the position of an honored and trusted citizen.

FRANK B. GAY.

Frank B. Gay, the cashier of the Conesville Savings Bank at Conesville, Iowa, is a native of Muscatine county, born in 1869, and the son of John and Hannah (Sharp) Gay. The parents were both born in England but emigrated to the United States when young. They located in Iowa and here the father followed his trade, which was that of contractor and builder, until his retirement in 1890, since which time he has resided in Conesville. They were the parents of eight children, who are as follows: Millie, wife of Charles Cecil, of Hedrick, Iowa; Frank B.; Richard H., an electrical engineer of Washington, D. C.; Fannie E., a resident of Iowa City; John C., a dentist of Conesville; Albert M., game and fish warden, living at Conesville, Iowa; Anna M., a music teacher at Fairfield, Iowa; and one who died in infancy.

Frank B. Gay acquired his preliminary education in the common schools of Muscatine county and later attended the Iowa City Academy for more advanced work and subsequently took a commercial course. At the age of twenty years he embarked in the jewelry business and continued the same for ten years, but in 1901 he was appointed postmaster in Conesville, continuing in that office for seven years, at the end of which time he accepted the position of cashier in the Conesville Savings Bank, where he is still engaged.

On the 27th of September, 1893, Mr. Gay was united in marriage to Miss Ida Merrill, who was born in Columbus Junction, Iowa, in 1871, a daughter of

John L. and Alice M. (Hight) Merrill. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill were married in Vermont, in which state the mother was born, but the father was a native of New Hampshire. They came west in 1855 and located on a farm near Columbus Junction, Iowa, and for nineteen years that continued to be their home, but in 1874 Mr. Merrill was elected to the office of county treasurer, and at the expiration of his term he turned his attention to the mercantile business, continuing in that line until his death in 1891. Mrs. Merrill passed away in 1893. They were the parents of five children, three of whom still survive: Will A., of New Mexico; Nettie E., the wife of Robert Owen, Columbus Junction; and Mrs. Frank B. Gay, the wife of our subject. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gay: Feral G., aged sixteen years, now attending the high school at Columbus Junction; Alice H., aged twelve, attending grammar school; Frances C., aged six; and Lillian, who died at the age of four years. The family are affiliated with Grace Reformed church.

Ever since he attained his majority, Mr. Gay has been a strong supporter of the republican party. He has always been quite active in local politics, serving as clerk of his township for one term and also having been mayor of the village of Conesville. He is highly regarded in his community, where he has resided for many years and where he and Mrs. Gay have gained the friendship of the best people.

EMERSON E. OXLEY.

The Buckeye state is represented in Iowa by many worthy sons, among whom may be named Emerson E. Oxley, who lives upon a beautiful farm in Goshen township, Muscatine county. His eyes first opened to the light of day at Georgetown, Harrison county, Ohio, December 8, 1853, and he is a son of Daniel and Mary (Combs) Oxley, both natives of Ohio. In 1854 the family removed to Pleasant Grove, Belmont county, Ohio, and there the early manhood of Emerson E. Oxley was spent. In 1881 the father came with his family to Atalissa, Iowa, and purchased a farm of one hundred and fifty-six acres, upon which he lived until his death, which occurred November 13, 1909, at the age of eighty-six years. The mother was called away five years previously on May 6, 1904. To them nine children were born, namely: L. F., of Allegheny, Pennsylvania; Emerson E., our subject; Mattie, who became the wife of Britton Stucker of Muscatine county, and is now deceased; Kate A., at home; Mary E., the wife of A. M. Hawthorne, of Dexter, Iowa; Ida R., now Mrs. Clarence Hargrave, of Muscatine county; George T., at home; Henry W., of Circleville, Kansas; and Hattie L., also at home.

Emerson E. Oxley was educated in the common schools of Ohio, being reared under influences which proved to be quite favorable in the development of a character for usefulness and efficiency in everything he has undertaken. He devoted his attention to farming and after his marriage he purchased seventy acres of land in Goshen township, subsequently buying forty acres of good land two miles eastward. His farm is under a fine state of cultivation and under his admirable management has been well improved. He is a general farmer and

stock-raiser and as he pays close attention to his business he enjoys a goodly measure of prosperity.

On the 10th of March, 1886, Mr. Oxley was united in marriage to Miss Anna Miller, a daughter of John and Sophia (Breinninger) Miller. Her parents were born in Germany and came to America in childhood, making their home at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. They came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1871. Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Miller: Louis, deceased in infancy; John W., of Wilton Junction, Muscatine county; Anna, now Mrs. Oxley; Emma R., at home; George M., of West Liberty, Iowa; Bertha, now Mrs. William Reid, of Wilton Junction; Fred, who went west when twenty-three years of age and has not since been heard from; and Robert, now in active practice as a physician in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. To the union of Mr. and Mrs. Oxley seven children have been born: Ray L. and Paul V., both now in Canada; and Ethel V., Wilbur E., John C., Arthur D. and Mildred I., all at home, Mildred being seven years of age.

Mr. Oxley has from his boyhood been industrious and enterprising and as the years passed he acquired a reputation for stability that gained for him many friends. His success is largely due to good judgment and undaunted perseverance so necessary in carrying out any important undertaking. In early manhood he supported the republican party but for the past twenty years has been a strong advocate of the principles of the prohibition party and supports that party on all occasions. Although he has not sought public office, he has served most creditably as road supervisor and also for fifteen years as member of the school board. In religious belief he and his wife and family adhere to the Methodist church.

JOHN BELL SCHENCK.

John Bell Schenck, whose labors as an agriculturist have been attended with a gratifying measure of success, resides on a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres, which his father bought of the government, and a half of which is located in Wapsinonoc township, Muscatine county, and the other half in Cedar county. This place has remained his home since he first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 27th of January, 1858.

His parents, James Finley and Maria C. (Bell) Schenck, were natives of Ohio and Kentucky, respectively. In the year 1845 the father took up his abode in Muscatine, this county, where he engaged in merchandising until the date of his marriage—October 12, 1854. Subsequently he removed to the farm which is now in possession of our subject, devoting his attention to its operation until called to his final rest on the 12th of July, 1900, when seventy-one years of age. The period of his residence in Muscatine county covered fifty-five years and he enjoyed an extensive acquaintance within its borders. His widow still survives him, making her home with her daughter in Cedar county. They had eight children, as follows: William Rogers, who passed away in 1876; John Bell, of this review; Phoebe, the wife of Joseph Bowman, of Cedar county; Mary Bell, who is the wife of Willis Crozer and lives in Muscatine; Charles Green; Ida

Bell the wife of Robert Brook, of West Liberty; Elizabeth Roger, who gave her hand in marriage to Allan Hemmingway, of Cedar county; and James F.

John Bell Schenck is indebted to the common schools for the educational privileges which he enjoyed in his youthful years. When not busy with his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the home farm, thus gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. General agricultural pursuits have claimed his attention throughout his entire business career and have brought him a gratifying annual income.

On the 1st of December, 1897, Mr. Schenck was united in marriage to Miss Mabel Applegate, a daughter of Elijah and Mary E. (Thompson) Applegate, who had nine children, namely: William, deceased; Margaret, the wife of Cyrus Orr, of Iowa City, Johnson county; Daniel, who died in infancy; Thomas, who is a resident of Iowa City; Harriet, the wife of W. F. Hill, of Westmoreland, Kansas; Wylum, of Downey, Iowa; John, also of Downey; Sarilda, the wife of Will Harrington, of Johnson county; and Mrs. Schenck. The last named is the mother of one daughter, Margaret Lucile, who is now twelve years old.

Mr. Schenck gives his political allegiance to the republican party, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. In religious faith he is a Methodist, while fraternally he is identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. A resident of this district during his entire life, he has become widely acquainted throughout the locality and occupies a high place in the regard and esteem of his fellowmen by reason of his honorable methods and upright principles.

GEORGE J. HARNEY.

George J. Harney, a successful liveryman of West Liberty, has built up an extensive business of this character by reason of his straightforward dealings and earnest desire to please his patrons. His birth occurred in Iowa City, Iowa, on the 13th of July, 1874, his parents being James M. and Mary (Teefy) Harney, both of whom were natives of Ireland. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States at an early day, establishing their home in Johnson county, Iowa. James M. Harney, who fought loyally in defense of the Union during the Civil war, is now deceased. His widow, who still survives, makes her home with one of her daughters at Lima, Ohio. Their children were three in number, namely: Helen and Carrie, both of whom are residents of Ohio; and George J., of this review.

The last named obtained his education in the common schools and remained at home until seventeen years of age, when he began working as a farm hand, being thus employed until his marriage in 1899. Following that important event in his life he operated a rented farm for four years, on the expiration of which period he embarked in the dray and transfer business at West Liberty. Two years later he became engaged in the livery business and has since conducted an up-to-date livery, feed and sales stable. He keeps on hand a number of first-class conveyances and is well able to supply the needs of his patrons in this connection. Mr. Harney also has a creditable military record, having served

in the Spanish-American war as a member of Company I, Fiftieth Iowa Infantry, for one year.

In 1899 Mr. Harney was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret McCarty, a native of Ireland and a daughter of Patrick and Fannie McCarty, who were likewise born on the Emerald isle. They emigrated to America when their daughter Margaret was still very young and both are yet living, now making their home at West Liberty. Mrs. Harney, who was one of a family of eight children, is a graduate of the high school at West Liberty and followed the profession of teaching for several years prior to her marriage. She is now the mother of six children, namely: Robert; James; Margaret and George, twins; Helen; and Ruth.

Mr. Harney is a staunch democrat politically but has never sought office as a reward for his party fealty. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at West Liberty, while both he and his wife are faithful communicants of the Catholic church. His business interests have been carefully conducted, his duties of citizenship capably performed and at all times he has been true to the obligations and responsibilities that have devolved upon him in every relation of life, making him one of the worthy and esteemed citizens of West Liberty.

WILLIAM STROUP FULTZ.

William Stroup Fultz is a well known horticulturist of Muscatine county, living on section 23, Bloomington township, where he has a splendidly developed tract of land devoted to the raising of fruits of all kinds. Success has followed him as the years have passed by because he has labored persistently and intelligently. He was born in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, February 21, 1836, and was the fourth in order of birth in a family of fourteen children, whose parents were William and Sophia (Stroup) Fultz, likewise natives of the Keystone state, the former born in Center county, September 20, 1811, and the latter in Mifflin county, July 11, 1814. The paternal grandfather, Martin Fultz, was a native of Germany and was the eldest and the only son of a large family until he was twenty-one years of age, when the second son was born. About the time he attained his majority Martin Fultz came to America as a "stowaway." He landed at Baltimore and in order to pay his passage the captain of the ship sold him to a Quaker for three years. He had been in that service for a year when the Revolutionary war broke out and he entered the army as a substitute for his master. At the close of his term of service he was at Germantown, Pennsylvania, where he remained and later was married there. His wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Fultz, was born in Londonderry, Ireland, of Scotch parentage, and came to Pennsylvania at the age of seven years.

Their family numbered twelve children, including William Fultz, who was engaged in the forwarding and commission business in Pennsylvania and owned a line of boats on the Pennsylvania canal. After his removal to the west he came with his family to Iowa, settling in Muscatine county, where he operated



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a sawmill and also engaged in farming on Sugar Creek. In early manhood he had wedded Sophia Stroup, who was of German descent in the paternal line and of English descent in the maternal line. The Stroups, however, have been residents of America for about two hundred and fifty years. The death of William Fultz occurred December 17, 1879, and his wife, surviving him for about eight years, passed away in July, 1887. Nine of their eleven children are now living. An older brother of our subject, Thomas E. Fultz, served in the Ninth Iowa Infantry during the Civil war and died in California, January 1, 1897.

William S. Fultz of this review was only two years of age when his parents removed to what was then Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, but is now Blair county. He was fourteen years of age when, in the spring of 1850, the family came to Muscatine, Iowa, arriving here on the 15th of April. From Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, to Johnstown, that state, they had traveled over the old Portage Railroad, the cars being pulled up the mountains by ropes operated by a stationary engine and endless cables being then used to let them down. From Johnstown the family proceeded by canal boat to Pittsburg and by steamboat to Muscatine. The family home was established a mile north of Moscow on Sugar creek and the father there built a sawmill, making his home upon that place until his death. William S. Fultz aided his father in the operation of the mill and the work of the home place until 1861.

Aroused by a spirit of patriotism, he enlisted on the 19th of September, 1861, as a member of Company D, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Davenport on the 3d of October. He served with that command until the close of the war and veteranized on the 1st of January, 1864, at Vicksburg, Mississippi. He was never absent from the company or regiment during the entire service and took part in all of the engagements in which the Eleventh Iowa Infantry participated. He was never in the hospital and was mustered out as first duty sergeant. His army life covered the usual experiences and hardships which are meted out to the soldier. He was with Sherman in his campaigns, took part in the grand review in Washington, where the victorious army marched through the streets of the capital amid the cheers of the multitudes that thronged the line of march, and was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, July 14, 1865.

With a most creditable military record Mr. Fultz returned to Moscow and resumed farming. In the spring of 1872 he came to his present place, a farm of eighty acres, three-fourths of a mile north of the corporation limits of Muscatine on section 23, Bloomington township. He has since devoted his attention to horticultural pursuits. All kinds of fruit are here grown and the business is most successfully and capably conducted. Mr. Fultz has made a study of the best methods of cultivating the different kinds of fruit, of the nature of the soil required and of climatic conditions and his wide knowledge is manifest in the splendid results which follow his labors.

On the 23d of January, 1867, Mr. Fultz was married to Miss Martha Valet, who was born in Ohio, September 12, 1840, and was brought to Iowa in 1842 by her parents, Jacob and Mary Valet, both of whom were natives of Germany but were married in Philadelphia. After coming to Iowa they spent two years in Cedar county and then removed to this county, both the father and mother

spending their last days in Muscatine. They had five children who reached mature years. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fultz has been blessed with seven children, those living being: Mary Martha, now the wife of William Tohm, of Muscatine; George William, a resident of Guthrie, Oklahoma; Francis Levi, who is operating the home farm; Theodore Noah, who lives at home but is married and follows the carpenter's trade; and John Edmond, a carpenter of Muscatine. Mr. and Mrs. Fultz have lost two children, Charles Henry and William Henry, both of whom died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Fultz is a republican and was an active worker in party ranks for twenty-five years. He served as justice of the peace for two terms, township trustee for three terms, township clerk for three terms and assessor for three terms. He has also acted as road supervisor and school director, filling the latter position at intervals for about thirty years. In public office he has ever been found loyal to the trusts reposed in him, discharging his duties with promptness and fidelity. For one year he served as chairman of the county central committee of the republican party. Fraternally he is connected with Shelby Norman Post, No. 231, G. A. R., of Muscatine. He became a member of an organization known as the First Settlers of Muscatine County but now called the Old Settlers Society and has served as its president and secretary. For sixty years he has lived in this county and has, therefore, been a witness of the greater part of its progress, development and improvement. He has always rejoiced in what has been accomplished here and as the years have passed has taken an active and helpful part in promoting the best interests of this section of the state. His life has been well spent and in matters of citizenship he is as true and loyal to his country as when he followed the old flag on southern battlefields.

H. H. ENGLISH, M. D.

Dr. H. H. English, who is the only representative of his profession now residing in Conesville, was born in Henry county, Illinois, on the 3d of November, 1862, being the son of John and Sarah (Harper) English. The parents were both natives of Ohio but when quite young removed to Illinois with their parents and there they met and were married. Soon after their marriage they located on a farm near the town of Atkinson, Henry county, where the father engaged in stock-raising until 1907, when he removed to Atkinson, where he is now living retired at the age of seventy-two years, but the mother passed away in 1904. Five children were born to them: Dr. H. H. English; J. L., engaged in the stock business in Tiskilwa, Illinois; Mrs. N. E. Hart, who was killed in the Iroquois Theater fire in Chicago; John, a dentist, who died at the age of twenty-five years; and Blanche, who died in 1904 at the age of twenty-one years.

After Dr. English acquired his high-school education, he was compelled to become self-supporting and it was many years before he realized his ambition of studying medicine. He matriculated in the Keokuk Medical College, of Keokuk, Iowa, from which he graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1900 and

located in Conesville, Iowa, where he has since continued and is building up a nice country practice.

In 1889 Dr. English was united in marriage to Miss Mary Joyce, who was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, on the 5th of July, 1869, a daughter of Michael and Mary Joyce. The parents were both natives of Ireland, emigrating to the United States in 1865 and locating on a farm in Whiteside county, Illinois, where they continued to live until 1884, when they removed to South Dakota and there the father is still living at the age of sixty-five years, but the mother passed away in 1898. They were the parents of the following children: Mrs. English; John W. of Wessington, South Dakota; and Kate, who died at the age of twenty-four years. Dr. and Mrs. English have two children: John J., born on March 24, 1890, is still at home; Winnifred K., born on the 18th of March, 1891, is a high-school graduate and has now been teaching for two years.

The family attend the Methodist church, of which denomination the parents are members. Fraternally Dr. English is identified with the Masonic order, his local affiliation being with the Columbus Junction lodge, also the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Wessington, South Dakota, and the Modern Woodmen of America, being a member of the Conesville Camp. The candidates of the republican party have always received Dr. English's support at election, although he does not take an active part in politics, not being an office seeker. During the eleven years of their residence in Conesville both Dr. and Mrs. English have made many friends who hold them in high regard.

LINN R. PINGREY.

Linn R. Pingrey is an enterprising and progressive young farmer of Goshen township, owning and cultivating a tract of one hundred and thirty acres. He is a native son of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Durant, Cedar county, his natal day being December 8, 1878. His parents, Darius and Emily (Demming) Pingrey, were natives of Vermont and Illinois, respectively. They settled in Cedar county at an early period in the development of this state, but in 1896 removed to Durant, where their remaining days were passed. Unto them were born five children: May, deceased; Frank, a resident of Muscatine county; Cora and Eva, also residents of this county; and Linn R., whose name introduces this review.

Linn R. Pingrey, the youngest in his father's family, acquired his education in the common schools, but at the age of seventeen years started out to make his own way in the world by working as a farm hand. His time was thus employed for five years, during which period he carefully saved his earnings in the hope that he might some day engage in farming on his own account. His hopes were realized, for at the end of that time he rented a farm and continued to operate the same until 1909, when he purchased his present tract comprising one hundred and thirty acres in Goshen township. He has placed his fields under a high state of cultivation and each year gathers good crops, while the buildings upon the farm are adequate for the shelter of grain and stock.

Mr. Pingrey chose as a companion for the journey of life, Miss Blanch Cline, their marriage being celebrated on the 28th of February, 1901. Mrs. Pingrey was born in Cuba, Illinois, a daughter of George and Frances (Troop) Cline, both of whom were born in Dayton, Ohio. Their family numbers four children, all still living. Mr. and Mrs. Pingrey lost their only child, Grant, who was born March 5, 1909, and died the same month.

While Mr. Pingrey gives loyal support to the republican party at the polls, he is not active as an office seeker. His fraternal relations are with Lodge No. 190, I. O. O. F., at West Liberty, and both he and his wife attend and support the Methodist church. They are popular among the young people of Goshen township, while their hospitable home is a favorite resort for their many friends.

CHARLES GARVIN.

Of the stalwart sons of Indiana who have established homes in Muscatine county, Charles Garvin occupies a place of responsibility and honor. Through energy, grit and perseverance he has won a competence and is now a prominent landowner of Moscow township, being at the same time one of its highly respected citizens. He was born at Liberty, Indiana, September 4, 1864, a son of Patrick and Esther (Powell) Garvin. The parents were both natives of the Emerald isle and were married there before coming to America in 1849. They lived for nineteen years on a farm in Indiana, removing in 1868 to Rock Island county, Illinois, and three years later to Muscatine county, where the father continued until his death, which occurred in March, 1877. The beloved wife and mother survived her husband for twenty-eight years, being called from earthly scenes in November, 1909, at the advanced age of seventy-nine years. There were ten children in their family, only two of whom are now living, namely: Charles, our subject; and John, of Muscatine county.

Charles Garvin was reared under the parental roof and as a boy became well acquainted with the duties of a farmer's son about the house as well as with the practical work pertaining to the fields and the raising and care of live stock. He attended the district school and the education which he there acquired he has since largely added to by observation and a general acquaintance with books and newspapers. After arriving at maturity he began farming upon his own account by renting a place and six years later purchased one hundred and eighty acres on sections 29 and 32, Moscow township, where he now lives. Subsequently he bought forty acres more on section 32, and on the 20th of January, 1911, purchased twenty acres, so that he is now the owner of two hundred and forty acres in one of the fairest farming regions of the state. He has attained marked success both as an agriculturist and stock-raiser. His farm is supplied with a substantial set of buildings and wears an air of thrift and orderliness which indicates thoughtful care and wise management.

On the 10th day of January, 1894, Mr. Garvin was united in marriage to Miss Emma Schmitt, who was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, in 1874, and is a daughter of Peter Schmitt. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Garvin has been

brightened by the arrival of five children: Malinda E., Charles, May L., Lloyd G. and Ellsworth. Living with them is Mr. Garvin's niece, Miss Ida Garvin, who has made her home with them since her parents died when she was young.

Ever since arriving at voting age Mr. Garvin has identified himself with the democratic party and the estimation in which he is held by his neighbors and acquaintances is indicated by the fact that he has occupied all of the township offices, exercising a fidelity in the discharge of his duties which met the hearty approval of the tax-payers. He and his wife are staunch believers in the inspiration and authority of the Bible and have a host of friends in Muscatine county who have been attracted by their many estimable qualities.

CARL VON ENGEL, M. D.

Dr. Carl von Engel, a medical practitioner of Moscow, enjoys an enviable reputation as a skilled and successful representative of his profession. His birth occurred in Germany on the 14th of August, 1855, his parents being August and Charlotte von Engel, who were likewise natives of that country. On coming to the United States they settled in Butler county, Iowa, where the father passed away. The mother died in October, 1910. They had a family of eleven children, three of whom still survive.

Dr. von Engel remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He is a graduate of the university at Berlin, Germany, and practiced medicine in that city for eight years. On the expiration of that period he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up his abode in Davenport, Scott county, Iowa, where he followed his profession successfully for five years. Recently he came to Muscatine county and located for practice in Moscow, here purchasing half a block of property. He has already won a large and lucrative practice, having proven himself well able to cope with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life.

In January, 1910, Dr. von Engel was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Duerr, with whom he had become acquainted in the fatherland. They are well known in social circles of the community and have a host of warm friends.

W. L. BLACK.

Among the native sons of Muscatine county who have here attained an honorable name is W. L. Black, of Atalissa. He was born on a farm about two miles from Atalissa, July 27, 1866, and is a son of James and Margaret (Woods) Black. The father was born near Boone Lake, Kentucky, and, like many other ambitious citizens of that state, emigrated to Iowa, locating in 1854 in Muscatine county, where he engaged in farming for thirty-three years. In 1887 he removed to Audubon county, Iowa, where he lived until called to his final rest at

the age of sixty-four years. In politics he was a democrat and assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing the interests of the party. He was a man of good character and devoted his entire life to agriculture and stock-raising. The mother of our subject was a native of Indiana, but was married in Muscatine county and is now living with a daughter at Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

W. L. Black was educated in the district schools of Pike township, Muscatine county, and grew up on the home farm, where he became thoroughly familiar with all the details of farm work. At twenty-two years of age he began to farm on his own account near Nichols, Iowa, removing in 1905 to a location south of Atalissa, where he remained for two years. Being attracted to mercantile pursuits, he took up his residence in Atalissa in 1907, and since that time has been engaged in the grain and coal business. He is the owner of the building in which the business is conducted and also of a handsome residence in Atalissa.

In February, 1888, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Ruby Nicola, a resident of Nichols, Iowa. Three children have blessed this union, Homer, Elsie and Isabel, all of whom are living at home. Mr. Black has been successful both as a farmer and as a business man. Being quiet and unassuming, he has never sought notoriety nor courted public favor. He has won his way by the exercise of good judgment and sound discrimination and, possessing high character and laudable ambition, he has not made any serious mistakes. As a public-spirited citizen he willingly lends his aid to every worthy cause. He is a staunch adherent of the principles and candidates of the democratic party and fraternally is identified with the Masonic lodge of Nichols, the chapter of West Liberty, Iowa, and the Modern Woodmen of America.

CHESTER C. PARRY.

Chester C. Parry, who is the owner of a well cultivated farm in Goshen township, which he acquired through his unaided efforts, was born in this county, October 28, 1867, being a son of Lewellen and Katherine (Stotler) Parry. The parents were both born in Pennsylvania and came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1857. The father was identified with farming interests and became the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of good land in Goshen township. He passed away in 1898. The mother still lives on the home place. To their union were born seven children, two of whom, Delvan and Margaret, died in infancy. The other members of the family are: Chester C., our subject; Henry H., now of Muscatine county; Lulu, who married L. H. Newman, of Muscatine, who is now deceased; Ada, now Mrs. Harry Lewis of Muscatine; and Elsie, the wife of Arthur Hawker, of Goshen township.

It was in the common schools that Chester C. Parry acquired his early education. As a boy he was taught the value of labor and as an indication of his remarkable perseverance it may be stated that he worked for his father seven years for a team of horses and harness. To a youth making such a beginning nothing appears impossible. Industrious and economical, he acquired the necessary funds and purchased eighty acres of land in section 20, Goshen township, where he has

since made his home. He has brought his place to a high state of cultivation and raises the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate, being also highly successful in raising live stock for the market. The appearance of his farm indicates good judgment and careful management and he is justly entitled to a place as one of the prosperous citizens of Muscatine county, who generally accomplishes whatever he attempts.

On the 17th of February, 1897, Mr. Parry was united in marriage to Miss Myra E. Ransom, a daughter of Myron and Eleanor (Lord) Ransom. Mrs. Parry is the eldest of eleven children, the others of the family being: Abbie, who married Edwin Mason, of Pennsylvania, and is now deceased; Harry, now of Muscatine county; Annis, the wife of Clyde Fetterman, of Pennsylvania; Robert, also of Pennsylvania; Lucy, the wife of Harry Burkhardt, of Pennsylvania; Mabel, who died in infancy; Elva, the wife of Milton Boyle, of Goshen township; Henriette, who married Fred Bendure, of Pennsylvania, and is now deceased; Jean, the wife of Frank Timberlake; and Ida, now Mrs. Myron Hahn, of Pennsylvania. Two children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Parry: Eleanor, who died in infancy; and Grace, now five years of age.

Politically Mr. Parry is independent, voting for the man irrespective of the party with which he is affiliated. He is a valued member of the Methodist church and fraternally is identified with Liberty Lodge, No. 190, I. O. O. F., of West Liberty. He has found in his wife a loving and helpful companion and they have many friends in Muscatine county, whom they have attracted by their genial qualities and by the interest they have shown in the welfare of others.

R. D. HARPER.

R. D. Harper, who is the owner of a well improved farm of eighty acres in Lake township, was born in that township, January 16, 1862. He is a son of William and Mary (Murphy) Harper, the former of whom was a native of Ireland and came to the United States in the '40s, locating at Muscatine, Iowa. There were only a few houses here at that time and the country for many miles in all directions was almost in its primitive condition. Mr. Harper finally took up his residence in Lake township, where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1898. He was buried in St. Mary's cemetery. He was an industrious and enterprising man and after arriving in this country devoted his attention to farming. The mother of our subject was also a native of Ireland but was married after coming to Muscatine. She passed away in July, 1902.

R. D. Harper was educated in the district schools and reared on the home farm, where he continued until twenty-two years of age. He began his business career by taking up a homestead in Keith county, now Perkins county, Nebraska, where he lived for five years, returning to Muscatine county in 1890. He worked upon the home farm for several years and then married, after which he farmed in Lake township. In the spring of 1910 he removed to the home where he now resides there carrying on general farming with excellent results, which indicate good judgment and well applied industry.

In 1894 Mr. Harper was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Toohey and three children have blessed their union, Marie F., James M. and Cornelius W. Mr. Harper has been familiar with the progress of events in Muscatine county for twenty-five or thirty years past and has kept pace with the movements in agriculture and stock-raising by which the farm has been made much more productive than in earlier years. He has attained a position as one of the representative farmers of this region and by the application of sound principles has acquired a competence for himself and family. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party and although he has not sought office, he is serving at present as a member of the school board. He and his wife are valued members of St. Matthias Catholic church, and socially he is connected with the Modern Brotherhood of America, with whose principles he is in hearty accord.

EDWIN W. WEDEKIND.

Edwin W. Wedekind, who lives in Sweetland township, and has clearly demonstrated his ability as a farmer, was born in this township, February 19, 1880. He is a son of Fritz D. and Pauline (Pasche) Wedekind, the former of whom was born in Hanover, Germany, June 15, 1837, and the latter in St. Louis, Missouri, July 26, 1847. At fourteen years of age the father joined a ship's crew and for eight years followed the sea, visiting the principal ports of the world. Tiring at last of the ocean, he came to America and after living for a short time in St. Louis enlisted in 1861 in Company F, Second Missouri Volunteer Infantry, for a period of three months. At the expiration of this time he reenlisted for three years and, having served out that term, enlisted once more, continuing at the front until hostilities ceased. He participated in seventeen battles, among which were the battles of Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Pea Ridge and Dalton, Georgia. He was honorably discharged and mustered out of service in January, 1866, having acquitted himself with the highest credit under many trying circumstances. He returned to St. Louis and started a general store, which was shortly afterward destroyed by fire and as he carried no insurance upon his stock he was obliged once more to begin at the bottom of the ladder to build up his fortune. About 1868 he left St. Louis and after spending several years at Keokuk, Iowa, he went to Brooklyn, this state, but after a short time removed to Davenport, where he engaged in fishing in the Mississippi river. He next followed farming and in 1877 came to Montpelier, Muscatine county, remaining here only a short time, however. He next went to Fairport, Iowa, where he continued for nineteen years. After spending seven years in Rock Island county, Illinois, he finally settled at Sweetland Center, Muscatine county, where he departed this life September 23, 1904. He was successful as a farmer and acquired one hundred and sixty acres of land in this county. He was a man of high character and held membership in the German Lutheran church. Politically he was an earnest advocate of the principles of the republican party. The mother of our subject is now living on the home farm. There were seven children in the family: Ernest, deceased;



FRITZ D. WEDEKIND AND FAMILY

Pauline M., now the wife of Ed Davis, a farmer of Fairport; Henry J.; Albert G., of Muscatine county, who married Mary Eis and is the father of three children: Floyd, John and Ernest; Edwin W., our subject; Frederick C.; and John, deceased.

Edwin W. Wedekind was educated in the common schools and has been since his earliest recollection identified with the farming interests. After leaving school he assisted his father upon the home farm and is now living with his mother, having charge of the home place, which he cultivates assiduously, producing abundant harvests. He also raises stock for the market. He stands high in the esteem of people of Sweetland township, as is indicated by his election to the office of assessor two years ago for the years 1909 and 1910. Industrious, energetic, reliable and thoroughly progressive, Mr. Wedekind is recognized as a worthy representative of the younger element among the farmers of Muscatine county. He was married February 22, 1911, to Lulu C. Dippel, a daughter of Carl and Marie Dippel, of Sweetland township.

A. R. LEITH, M. D.

Dr. A. R. Leith is the oldest practicing physician of Wilton, Muscatine county, having entered upon the active duties of his profession here in 1882. He was born in Cedar county, Iowa, June 28, 1856, his parents being John P. and Maria (Boydston) Leith. The father was a native of Scotland and the mother of Ohio. Mr. Leith came to the United States in 1839 and located on a farm in Cedar county, Iowa, where he erected a log cabin, which was the home of himself and family for several years. Lumber being in demand among the settlers, he built a sawmill on his farm, which he operated, and later erected a gristmill, his time being largely taken up with the management of those two enterprises. He departed this life in 1868, his wife having been called away five years previously. Ten children were born to them, five of whom are now living: Mary, the wife of E. Bowman, of Creston, Iowa; John P., of Chase county, Kansas; A. R., our subject; Maggie, now Mrs. Lyman Watterman, of Omaha, Nebraska; and George E., of California.

Dr. Leith early became inured to labor and at twelve years of age began to work as a farm hand. In the meantime he had attended the district school and, having profited by the instruction there offered, entered the Wilton Academy at fifteen years of age and was a student in that institution for two years. Upon leaving the academy he secured a certificate as a school-teacher and devoted five years to teaching. He began the study of medicine under Dr. G. O. Morgage, of Muscatine, and later matriculated in the medical department of the Iowa State University, from which he was graduated in 1882 with the degree of M. D. He immediately began practice at Wilton, where he has since continued, being associated at the present time with his son under the title of Leith & Leith. His patrons are to be found among the best families of the locality and no man in Muscatine county stands higher in the estimation of those who know him than Dr. Leith. In addition to being highly successful as a physician and surgeon he has

also gained an enviable reputation in business circles and is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land adjacent to the village of Wilton, eighty acres in Cedar county, Iowa, and also one-fourth interest in a plantation of seven thousand acres in Arkansas, of which twenty-eight hundred acres are planted in cotton and four hundred in corn. Several hundred negroes are regularly employed in carrying forward the work upon this place.

In September, 1880, Dr. Leith was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Parks, who was born in Muscatine county in 1858, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Finney) Parks. The parents of Mrs. Leith were both natives of Ohio and became residents of Muscatine county. The father died in this county and the mother is now living in Muscatine. Three children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Leith, the youngest of whom died in infancy, while the second child, Walter, passed away at the age of six years. George G., the eldest, received a good education and was graduated as a physician. He is now practicing in partnership with his father.

Dr. Leith gives his allegiance to the republican party and has served in several responsible positions, having filled the office of mayor of Wilton Junction for several terms and also for eighteen years represented the educational interests as member of the school board. During the greater part of this time he was president of the board. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic order and has received the degrees of the blue lodge, chapter, commandery and shrine. His wife holds membership in the Presbyterian church. Having discharged his various duties for many years with strictest fidelity, Dr. Leith clearly represents a type of men who are leaders in any worthy movement and upholders of the best interests of society.

JOSEPH A. HEATH.

At the age of twenty years Joseph A. Heath, now living retired at West Liberty, started out to meet the world on his own account and by diligence and perseverance he has made a success of his affairs. His life is evidence that a young man governed by right principles may, under the protection of the American republic, hope to attain any reasonable desire. Born in Indiana, February 4, 1857, he is the son of Peter B. and Susan (Gibson) Heath. The father was born in New Jersey but removed to Ohio in his boyhood and to Iowa in 1846. He located near Nichols, Muscatine county, and after working for the farmers in the neighborhood for several years started the first store in West Liberty and became the first postmaster of the town. He returned to his old home in New Jersey after living for several years in this state but was not satisfied with the conditions he found there and soon again took up his residence in Muscatine county, purchasing a farm three and one-half miles west of West Liberty, where he lived until 1855, later farming on North Prairie and South Prairie. He engaged in mercantile business at West Liberty with his son from 1885 to 1887, returning to his farm in the latter year. He departed this life in 1889. The mother of our subject was a native of Ohio and was married in that state to Mr. Heath. She passed

away in West Liberty, March 3, 1903. There were ten children in their family, of whom Flora, William, Hattie, Martha and George are deceased. The others are Mary, now Mrs. H. L. Metcalf, living near Nichols, Iowa; Joseph A., the subject of this review; Henry, of West Liberty; Charlie, of Johnson county; and John, who also lives near Nichols.

Joseph A. Heath received his early education in the district schools, applying himself with a diligence that gave bright promise for the future. He continued with his parents until he arrived at maturity and then followed farming in Muscatine county until 1909, with the exception of two years, during which time he was engaged with his father in mercantile business. Since 1909 he has made his home in West Liberty, where he owns a beautiful residence. He is also the owner of one hundred and twenty acres of land in Muscatine county, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He ranks as one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of the county whose judgment in all matters pertaining to the calling is considered as good as that of any man living in this section.

In 1895 Mr. Heath was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Yenter, a resident of Johnson county and a native of Virginia City, Nevada. He exercises the right to vote as his judgment dictates and casts his ballot independently, supporting the man rather than the party. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and of the Merchants Life Association of Burlington, Iowa, and in religious views is an adherent of the Christian church, being a liberal contributor to that organization. He is known as a good citizen, a true friend, and he and his estimable wife by their helpfulness to others have made many friends in Muscatine county.

THOMAS MAXWELL.

Among the pioneer settlers of Iowa, now deceased, must be mentioned Thomas Maxwell, who for many years was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Muscatine county. Although more than a decade has elapsed since his demise he is well remembered by those who reside in Orono township, where he made his home for many years and was held in high regard. He was born in Indiana in the month of January, 1832, a son of Elijah and Margaret Maxwell, also natives of Indiana, who came west and settled in Iowa long before the advent of the railroad. Unto them were born five children all of whom, with the exception of one daughter residing in Illinois, have now passed away.

The boyhood and youth of Thomas Maxwell did not differ particularly from that of other boys reared in the country at that period. He attended the district school during its brief sessions, assisted his father in the work of the farm and enjoyed such diversions as were available. He remained a member of his father's household until he had passed his eighteenth birthday, when he engaged in farming for himself for a time and then started a sawmill at what is now Columbus Junction. After operating the mill for several years he withdrew from that occupation to once more become a farmer, with which vocation he continued to be identified during the remainder of his life. He was successful in his pursuits and

had acquired sufficient property to retire and live in comfort on the fruits of his early toil five years prior to his death.

Mr. Maxwell was twice married. Unto him and his first wife three children were born, who were as follows: Margaret J., the wife of John Swigle, living in Kansas; Absalom, also a resident of Kansas; and John, who died at the age of eighteen years. On the 15th of October, 1868, Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage to Miss Mary Boggs, a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, and a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bonett) Boggs. Mr. Boggs was a native of Virginia but his wife was born in the Buckeye state, where they were married but very soon thereafter they migrated to Iowa and settled on a farm in Muscatine county, where they continued to reside during the remainder of their lives. The father died at the venerable age of seventy-eight years but the mother survived for seven years after his demise, passing away shortly after the seventieth anniversary of her birth. They were the parents of the following children: John, who lives in Muscatine county; Mrs. Maxwell, the widow of our subject; Sarah, residing in Nebraska; Clara, of this county; and one who died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell were born the following children: Thomas, born on the 3d of July, 1870, who received a high-school education and is now a resident of this county; Robert, whose birth occurred on the 15th of October, 1875, now living in Louisa county; William, who was born on the 15th of September, 1878, now living on the old homestead; and Cora, born on the 15th of October, 1880, the wife of James Helverson, of this county. The family always attended the Reformed church, in which they hold membership.

Mr. Maxwell was an ardent supporter of the democratic party. He was a public-spirited man and took an active interest in all municipal political issues, serving as trustee in his township for fifteen years, the term of his office clearly demonstrating his satisfactory discharge of its responsibilities. He also served as a school director for many years. He was a man who always gave his support to every measure the passing of which would benefit the community or improve local conditions, and this in itself is sufficient to have impressed his personality on his district too strongly to have it readily erased. He passed away at his home in Conesville on the 11th of February, 1903, at the age of seventy-one years. Mrs. Maxwell still survives at the age of sixty-six and continues to reside at the homestead.

JAY IRA NICHOLS.

The owner of a valuable farm of three hundred acres of good land in Muscatine county, the Hon. Jay I. Nichols has attained success financially. He has also been honored by his fellow citizens with important public offices, which he has filled with the highest credit. He ranks today as one of the leading men of the county and is recognized throughout the state as a man of marked ability who has assisted in no small degree in advancing the permanent interests of Iowa.

A native of Muscatine county he was born May 13, 1855, and is a son of Ira and Elizabeth (Luse) Nichols, the former a native of New York state and the

latter of Morrow county, Ohio. The parents were married in Ohio and came west in 1853, settling on a farm in Muscatine county. The father was very successful in business affairs and acquired about fourteen hundred acres of good land, being the owner at the time of his death, in 1888, of four hundred acres. The wife and mother passed away in February, 1910. Unto them seven children were born, namely: C. M., of West Liberty; I. A., a banker, also of West Liberty; Jay Ira, the subject of this review and one of twins, the other dying in infancy; Viola, deceased; Pliny Clay, who gave up his life for the cause of the Union in the Civil war; and John Bunker, also deceased.

Jay I. Nichols was educated in the common schools and also attended the high school. Starting in life on his own account at twenty-one years of age, he settled upon the place where he now lives and has made it one of the most productive farms in Wapsinonoc township. He has applied up-to-date methods and made use of the latest machinery, devoting himself not only to agriculture but also to stock-raising with most gratifying results. He is now retired from active labor, having rented his farm to others. He has taken a deep interest in all subjects pertaining to agriculture and has served as president of the Iowa Condensed Milk Company, the Union District Agricultural Society, and for five years was a member of the Muscatine county board of supervisors and was instrumental in instituting a number of improvements which have been of practical value to the county. Politically a republican, he has wielded a strong influence in the councils of the party and served as representative of the forty-second district in the twenty-ninth, thirtieth and thirty-first general assemblies and also as state senator for a term of four years, from 1906 to 1910. In all his duties, both public and private, he has displayed a judgment and discrimination that have reflected credit upon himself and those with whom he has been associated.

On the 23d of November, 1876, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage to Miss Lucy M. Birkett, who was born in Muscatine county, November 24, 1856, a daughter of Thomas and Lucy (Hargreaves) Birkett. Her father was born in England and her mother in New Jersey. They were married in the east and early in the '50s came to Muscatine county, where Mr. Birkett gained a high standing as a farmer. His wife passed away in 1859 and Mr. Birkett was married two years later to Susannah Hargreaves, a sister of his first wife. Mrs. Susannah Birkett died in 1896 but he is still living at the age of eighty-one years in West Liberty. By his first union two children were born: Lucy M., now Mrs. Jay I. Nichols; and Charles, deceased. By his second union Mr. Birkett became the father of the following children: Lilla, now the wife of Ed. Fitzgerald, of West Liberty; Edith, the wife of Charles Mosher, of West Liberty; Bertha, the wife of Walter Mosher, also of West Liberty; Leslie, who died in infancy; Vincent, now living on the old homestead; Lindley, also on the old homestead; and Frederick, of Kansas City.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Nichols has been brightened by the birth of four children: Fay, born September 14, 1877, who married Miss Lena Schilling, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and has one child, Howard; Ethel G., who was born March 17, 1880, and is now the wife of William Anderson, living near West Liberty; Wilma B., who was born May 17, 1887, and will graduate in June, 1911, from the State University at Iowa City; and Wayne, who was born June 28,

1896, and is now a student in the junior class of the high school at West Liberty. Fay Nichols graduated from the civil engineering department of the Iowa State College at Ames and served for two years in the Philippine islands as a civil engineer for the United States government. On his return he came around the world and now makes his home in Pittsburg. Ethel G. (Nichols) Anderson is a graduate of the State University at Iowa City, and is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa society and also of the Phi Delta sorority. She has a first grade certificate and has taught school for ten years, during five of which she was engaged as a teacher in the high school at Washington, Iowa. Mrs. Nichols was educated in the common schools and also attended an academy at Iowa City for nine months.

Mr. Nichols and his family are active members of the Methodist Protestant church, and are prominently identified with the social life of the community. He early learned that conscientious application is at the foundation of success and he applied himself with such diligence that he readily attained a competence. By his public spirit, his genial manner and cordial disposition he made many friends and years ago he attained recognition as one of the leading citizens of Muscatine county. Few men have been more closely identified with the development and prosperity of this part of the state. In all his intercourse with his fellowmen, Mr. Nichols has so demeaned himself as to gain their highest esteem and confidence.

A. THOMAS NELSON.

A. Thomas Nelson, who has been engaged in the hardware business for fifteen years past, is a native of Cedar county, Iowa, and was born on a farm two miles north of Durant, November 1, 1867. The father, Thomas Boyd Nelson, was of Scotch and English descent and was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania. He died at Durant, January 3, 1910. The progenitors of the family upon both paternal and maternal sides were in America before the Revolutionary war. Our subject's Grandfather Nelson assisted the patriots in the great struggle for freedom. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Eleanor J. Brown, was born at Bethel, New York, and is now living at Durant, Iowa. She is of Irish and Holland-Dutch lineage and represents the third generation of the family in America.

A. Thomas Nelson is one of a family of six boys and one girl, and his early opportunities for education were limited, as his assistance was necessary in providing support for the younger members of the household. His tastes pointed to mechanical engineering, but he worked on the home farm until seventeen years of age and then entered the postoffice at Durant, where he continued for three years. He then learned the tinner's trade under H. J. Brauch, of Durant, and in the spring of 1890 came to Wilton Junction, where he worked at his trade under K. Blanchard. In 1894 he began traveling for the Gilt Edge Furnace Foundry, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, representing this firm in the states of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Wisconsin. Later he determined to

enter business for himself, and on March 18, 1895, purchased the hardware store of Clarence Walker at Wilton Junction. He has since continued in this business, to which he added a line of furniture, and is now at the head of one of the well established and prosperous concerns of the county. He is the owner of the store building formerly belonging to Scott & Johnson, and also of a comfortable residence in Wilton Junction.

On the 12th of June, 1898, Mr. Nelson was married by Rev. Mr. Barnett at Wilton Junction, to Miss Lena Rose Brauch, and to them three children have been born: Bernice, now eleven years of age; Thomas Perry, eight years; and Jennie Eleanor, four years of age.

Mr. Nelson has from the time of reaching manhood given his support to the republican party and now classes himself among the "progressives." He has served two terms in the city council and for twenty years has been an active member of the Wilton volunteer fire department, having filled the office of chief of the department during ten years of that period. He served one year as secretary of the Commercial Club and was a charter member and organizer of the Iowa Hardware Dealers Association. Since his boyhood he has been a Sunday school worker, formerly in the Episcopal church, but of late years in the Methodist Episcopal church. He is a close observer and student and has thus made up for deficiencies of early school training. He is a constant reader and follows closely the trend of events in the world but is especially interested in the progress of education and civilization. He is also a student of human nature and a strong believer in telepathy, having observed its operations many times. He represents the wide-awake, energetic constructive spirit of the twentieth century and as a growing force in the community commands the respect of all who know him.

R. H. GEERTZ.

Among the sons of worthy parentage in Muscatine county may be named R. H. Geertz, who owns a fine farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 22, Lake township, and by a life of self-respect and industry he has gained the esteem of many friends and acquaintances. He was born on the farm where he now lives, April 15, 1876, and is a son of Adolph and Sophia (Altekruse) Geertz, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Baltimore, Maryland. The father came to America in 1851, locating for a time at Davenport, Iowa. He next took up his residence in Muscatine, where for several years he was a saw filer at the Hershey mills. Being industrious and economical in his habits, he saved money and purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Lake township, becoming one of the successful farmers of this region. Here he lived until he was called from earthly scenes December 3, 1905, his wife departing this life July 20, 1897. Unto them five children were born: John B., now of Aberdeen, South Dakota; Mary E., the wife of William Martz, of Lake township; Anna H., the wife of William Bietz, also of Lake township; R. H., our subject; and one who died in infancy.

R. H. Geertz received his education in the district schools and was thoroughly instructed in the various operations of the farm under his father. After reaching years of maturity he rented the homestead for some years and later purchased the same which he has cultivated with gratifying success. In connection with general agriculture he is interested in livestock, and his labors in both lines have been abundantly blessed, so that today he enjoys a high degree of prosperity.

On November 24, 1897, Mr. Geertz was united in marriage to Miss Ada Foster, who was born in Lake township and is a daughter of William and Mary (Chown) Foster, both of whom are also natives of Muscatine county. Mr. and Mrs. Foster reared a family of six children and are now living retired. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Geertz one child, Helen M., was born October 9, 1902.

Mr. Geertz and his wife are devout members of the Methodist Episcopal church and by their many kindly acts have demonstrated the effect of the teachings of the Master, to whom they yield a willing obedience. Mr. Geertz gives his allegiance to the republican party, believing that in so doing he is best advancing the interests of the state and nation. He has never sought public office, but has served most creditably as supervisor of the township, devoting to his public duties the same energy and interest that he displays in his private affairs, and it is hardly necessary to add that he stands high in the estimation of his fellowmen.

JOHN T. NEFF.

John T. Neff, who owns and operates a well improved farm of two hundred and eighty acres on section 34, Pike township, was born in Wisconsin, August 14, 1869, his parents being Frank and Josephine (Faynt) Neff, natives of Germany and Pennsylvania respectively. When a mere boy the father accompanied his parents on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in Wisconsin, where the paternal grandparents of our subject passed away. The parents of John T. Neff came to Iowa in 1873 and have resided in Muscatine county continuously since, now living on a farm of seventy-three acres near Conesville. They are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as people of genuine personal worth. Unto them were born eleven children, namely: Mary, Josephine, John T., Catherine, Frank B., Rosa, Clara, Tillie, Willie, Annie and Mina. The two last named are deceased.

John T. Neff remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, when he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for a short time. Subsequently he spent about two years on the Pacific coast and on returning to this county again became identified with agricultural pursuits as a renter. Previous to his marriage he purchased a place of his own, coming into possession of a tract of sixty-three acres which he later sold. He has operated his present farm of two hundred and eighty acres for a period of sixteen years or until the death of his wife, which occurred on the 25th of March, 1910. At that time his holdings embraced two hundred and eighty acres of rich





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and arable land on section 34, Pike township. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and annually gathers rich crops which find a ready sale on the market.

On the 9th of January, 1894, Mr. Neff was united in marriage to Miss Manza Lord, a native of Muscatine county and a daughter of Richard and Jane (Smally) Lord, who were natives of Connecticut and Ohio respectively. They were married in this county and here spent the remainder of their lives, Mr. Lord being engaged in general farming. He was called to his final rest in 1885, when seventy-eight years of age, while his wife passed away when their daughter Manza was still but a child. Their children were nine in number, as follows: Andrew, who is deceased; Kate; Byron, who has also passed away; Emma; Mrs. Neff; Richard; Herman and Edmund, both of whom are deceased; and one who died in infancy.

In his political views Mr. Neff has always been a republican, interested in the success and growth of the party but without desire for office. He is a devoted and consistent member of the Reform church at Conesville, to which his wife also belonged. He is well known among his fellow citizens and the fact that many of his best friends are those who have known him longest is an indication that his salient characteristics are such as inspire and hold regard, esteem and good will.

A. L. DICE.

The gratifying success that has attended the efforts of A. L. Dice to establish himself in the business world is good evidence of his ability in a business which constantly calls for decision and clear judgment. He is today at the head of one of the leading firms of West Liberty and increasing patronage speaks in no uncertain terms as to the future. Born near Coggon, Linn county, Iowa, November 25, 1872, he is the son of Ira J. and Margaret (Smith) Dice. The mother is a native of New Castle, Pennsylvania, and is now living in West Liberty. The father, who was born near Cleveland, Ohio, became a farmer and, seeking more favorable opportunities than were presented in the older states, came to Iowa and took up his residence in Linn county, subsequently removing to Cedar county. In 1900 he located at West Liberty, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1904. He was for over fifty years a resident of Iowa and was known as a good farmer, a kind neighbor and a man of many estimable qualities. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Dice, namely: Jennie, now the wife of A. E. Ross of Rupert, Idaho; Lilly, the wife of C. E. Smith of Euphrates, Washington; Lucy, at home; A. L., of this review; Clinton, who is now living in Cedar county; Clifford, of Portland, Oregon; Winnie, now Mrs. M. J. Bridger of Mediapolis, Iowa; Edwin, who died in 1910; and Harland, of Muscatine, Iowa. The father of these children was twice married, the maiden name of his first wife being Julia McWilliams. One child, Harry, was born of that union and he is now living at Center Junction, Iowa.

A. L. Dice was educated in the district schools of Linn county and continued with his parents until twenty-one years of age, after which he operated a farm for three years on his own account, and then was connected for five years with the Manchester Lumber Company, of Riverside, Washington county, Iowa. In March, 1900, he became associated in business with his father and after the death of the latter the mother assumed the father's interest, the firm being known as A. L. Dice & Company, dealers in lumber, coal, cement, lime and building material of all kinds. The firm manufactures concrete building blocks, for which there is a constantly increasing demand, and also enjoys a goodly share of patronage from contractors and private individuals extending for many miles around West Liberty. Mr. Dice is the owner, moreover, of the comfortable home in which he lives.

In 1901 he was united in marriage at Tipton, Iowa, to Miss Myrtle E. Duncan, and they have two children: Margaret, seven years of age; and Dorothy, aged five. Politically Mr. Dice is identified with the republican party and may always be found in its ranks, assisting to the extent of his ability in forwarding its interests. For four years past he has served most acceptably as a member of the board of aldermen of West Liberty. Socially he is affiliated with the Masons and the Knights of Pythias, and he heartily accepts the principles of brotherhood upon which those orders are founded. He and his wife are valued members of the Methodist church, and to those who know them, it is not necessary to add that theirs is a faith that endures to the end.

J. F. COFFIN.

One of the well known residents of Conesville is J. F. Coffin, who for eleven years now has been engaged in the mercantile business here. He is a native of the Hawkeye state, having been born in Louisa county on the 13th of July, 1872, a son of J. P. and Flora M. (Hines) Coffin. The parents were both born in the Empire state, but came west in 1865 and located on a farm in Louisa county, Iowa, where they continued to live until the father passed away in 1890, and since that time Mrs. Coffin has resided with her children. She is now sixty-one years of age. Mr. Coffin was a good manager and capable business man and at the time of his death had acquired two hundred acres of finely improved land. They were the parents of the following children: Lena, the widow of A. C. Bebb of Kansas City; Minnie, who married James Smith and is residing on the old homestead in Louisa county; Cora, the widow of Warren Keyes, of Des Moines, Iowa; J. F., our subject; and Pearl, who died when very young.

J. F. Coffin remained a member of his father's household until the latter's death, after which he lived with his sister until he was twenty-three years of age. His education was acquired in the common schools of Louisa county and later he began clerking in a mercantile house, gaining as much and varied information as he could along general merchandise lines in order that he might be able to embark in business for himself later on. This he did in 1900 in Conesville, Iowa, being one of the two merchants in the village, and his carefully

selected goods, courteous treatment of customers and fair dealing is bringing him a constantly growing trade.

On the 28th of February, 1900, Mr. Coffin established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Nettie D. McKee, of Muscatine county, who was born on the 2d of November, 1872, in Louisa county, Iowa. Her parents, Leander and Deborah (Hall) McKee, were natives of Ohio and Michigan, respectively. They came west in 1852 and settled on a farm in Louisa county and continued to live there until Mr. McKee retired from farming in 1879 and engaged in handling grain and live stock for about twenty-five years and then withdrew entirely from business and two years later, on the 17th of January, 1909, he passed away. Mrs. McKee is still living at the age of sixty-seven and makes her home with her children. They were the parents of four sons and four daughters: Eva B., who died in infancy; Flora B., the wife of G. W. Tipton of Conesville, Iowa; Mattie N., the widow of J. E. Jean of Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mrs. Nettie D. Coffin; John W., of Snyder, Oklahoma; William S., of Muscatine, Iowa; L. R., who is a graduate of the Iowa State Teachers College of Cedar Falls and lives in Conesville; and Byron L., of Muscatine.

Mr. and Mrs. Coffin have six children: Nellie E., who was born on the 7th of February, 1901; John F., born on the 25th of March, 1903; Gaylord M., born on the 13th of December, 1905; Clarence C., born on the 12th of June, 1907; Burton L., born on the 12th of January, 1909; and a daughter, born February 21, 1911.

The family always attend the Reformed church, of which the parents are members. Mr. Coffin is a member of the Mutual Brotherhood Association of Conesville and also of the Merchants Life of Burlington, Iowa. Ever since he acquired the full rights of citizenship he has been identified with the republican party. He takes an active interest in local politics and has served as township trustee and also as treasurer of the school board. He is highly esteemed in the community where he lives not only because of his fine business ability, but owing to his personal worth.

L. C. WINTER, M. D.

Dr. L. C. Winter, a well known physician and surgeon of Wilton Junction, is a native of Illinois, where he spent the earlier part of his life, taking up his abode in Iowa nine years ago. He has met with gratifying success as a medical practitioner and is prominent both on account of his skill in the healing art and as a public-spirited citizen. He was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, November 19, 1872, a son of Rev. L. and Emma (Bereline) Winter. The father is a native of Prussia and the mother of Rock Island county, Illinois. Mr. Winter is a well known and highly respected Lutheran minister and for forty-one years past has had charge of the Hampton parish at Rock Island. Of the nine children in the family, seven are now living.

Reared under the most favorable circumstances, Dr. Winter received a good preliminary education and matriculated in the medical department of the State

University of Iowa, from which he was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1901. After spending one year at home he located at Wilton Junction, where he has engaged actively in practice since 1902. His theoretical knowledge has been supplemented by a wide experience and a lucrative and growing practice is evidence of his success in a vocation that calls for the best judgment of the brightest minds. He keeps thoroughly informed as to the progress which is made from year to year in medicine and when not attending to patients is usually to be found in his library, which is supplied with the best medical books and magazines.

On the 16th of July, 1908, Dr. Winter was united in marriage to Miss Marie Miller, who was born at Wilton Junction in 1879. She is a daughter of Frederick and Elizabeth Miller, the latter of whom is now living at Wilton Junction at the age of seventy-three years. The father passed away some years ago.

Dr. Winter politically is in sympathy with the republican party but does not devote much attention to politics, as his time is occupied with his professional duties. Fraternally he belongs to Lodge No. 167, A. F. & A. M. He and his wife occupy a fine residence in Wilton Junction, where they dispense to many friends a generous hospitality. The respect in which the Doctor Winter is held is the result of his conscientious attention to the duties of his profession and of a well established reputation for integrity of character, which is of more value to its possessor than all the luxuries and honors that riches can command.

WILLIAM WHITE.

William White, who lives in Goshen township and who is recognized as one of the substantial citizens of the county, being the owner of one of the finest farms in this part of the state, was born in Cedar county, Iowa, January 11, 1864. He comes of Celtic ancestry, being the son of James and Johanna (Creadon) White, both natives of Ireland. The parents came to America in 1855 and after staying for a time in New York city journeyed westward to Illinois and subsequently to Cedar county, Iowa. In 1866 the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Muscatine county and engaged in farming until his death, which occurred after he had reached the age of seventy-three years. The mother was also called away when seventy-three years of age. There were thirteen children in the family, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: James, now of Mitchell county, Iowa; Hannah, the wife of M. J. Sullivan of Des Moines; Michael, of Macon, Georgia; Mary, now Mrs. Pat Sloan, of West Liberty, Iowa; William, our subject; John, of Commerce, Iowa; Pat, of Des Moines; Ella, who married John Stone, of Melrose, Iowa; Edward, of Mitchell county, Iowa; Thomas, of McIntosh, New Mexico; and Jerry, of West Liberty, Iowa.

William White received a good common-school education and thus was able to make a fair start when he began to provide for himself after leaving the parental home. He worked for wages for about four years and, having ac-

quired a practical knowledge of farming, rented two hundred and twenty-five acres in Cedar county, Iowa, which he cultivated energetically for eleven years. As he prospered he purchased one hundred and sixty acres in 1898, to which he added fifty in Muscatine county and ninety-three acres in Cedar county, so that he is now the owner of a farm of three hundred and three acres in these counties, a portion of which is pasture and timber land, while that part in Goshen township, Muscatine county, is under a high state of cultivation. He handles good grades of stock and is a large feeder of cattle and hogs.

On the 29th of September, 1891, Mr. White was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Moylan, a daughter of Patrick and Maria (Magee) Moylan, both of whom were born in Ireland and came to this country with their parents early in life. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Moylan were the following children: Edward, deceased; Lizzie, the wife of Remy Marticke, of Muscatine county; Margaret, now Mrs. White; Fannie, deceased; James, of Wilton Junction; Ellen, now Mrs. Henry Smith, of Muscatine county; May, the wife of Andy McFadden; and Eva, deceased. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. White: Walter, Frances, Margaret and Wilmer, all of whom are at home.

Politically Mr. White gives his adherence to the democratic party. He has never desired or sought public office but has served with general acceptance for six years as a member of the school board. He and his family are faithful members of the Catholic church. Mr. White was early introduced to labor and thus gained lessons which have enabled him to overcome many difficulties. He takes great pride in his home and the love which he bestows upon his family is fully returned. A loyal citizen and a true friend, he is justly accorded a high place in the estimation of the people of Muscatine county.

C. S. HARPER.

C. S. Harper, a farmer and business man of Muscatine county, whose farm is in Lake township, was born near Muscatine, September 23, 1873. He is a son of William and Mary (Murphy) Harper, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father came to Muscatine at a very early day, when the site now occupied by a beautiful city was covered only by a few log houses. Later he located in Bloomington township and then Lake township, continuing in the latter until his death, which occurred in 1898. The mother departed this life in 1902. There were eleven children in the family: Martha and Mary, twins, now deceased; Maggie, who is the widow of H. N. Ensfield and is now living in California; Nellie, the wife of George Malone, of Muscatine; Frank, of Hills, Iowa; William, of Lake township, Muscatine county; Robert D., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Josie, the wife of Joseph Zybarth of Nichols, Iowa; John C., of Lake township, this county; James, who died in 1896; and C. S., our subject.

Educated in the district schools of Lake township, the subject of this review remained on the home farm until after the death of his parents, when he began work by the month, later renting forty acres of land, which he cultivated. In

1905 he established a store at Bayfield in the railway depot and, his business having prospered, he recently erected a fine stone building, in which he carries a general stock of well selected merchandise and in which the railway depot is now located. He also acts as station agent for the railroad. He is the owner of eighty acres of land, upon which he has made all the improvements except the main part of the dwelling, which had been erected previously. He has prospered in his business and also as a farmer, and in the midst of an active career gives promise of increasing usefulness as the years pass.

In 1898 Mr. Harper was united in marriage to Miss Minnie F. Casper, of Muscatine. Four children have blessed their union: Frank W., at home; Charles, deceased; Hershel; and Clarence. Politically Mr. Harper is identified with the democratic party and is a staunch supporter of its principles and candidates. He is a true friend of education and is now serving as member of the school board. He and his wife are lifelong members of the Catholic church and liberal contributors to its support. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Iowa Legion of Honor and is in hearty accord with the teachings of those beneficent organizations. He is a self-made man and has worked his way to his present position of responsibility by indefatigable application, which has never acknowledged defeat. He is recognized as a staunch friend of all worthy movements seeking to advance the interests of this locality and as to his fidelity to principle and his patriotism there is no question. He ranks as one of the progressive and enterprising men of Lake township.

ALLEN McCURDY.

A native of the Buckeye state, Allen McCurdy, of Orono township, has since boyhood made his home in Muscatine county. Today he is one of the prosperous citizens of his township and stands very high in the estimation of all who know him. He was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, May 10, 1857, a son of Robert and Elizabeth (Welling) McCurdy. The parents were also natives of Ohio and remained there until 1868, when they joined the great movement to the west and settled in Orono township, Muscatine county. For over thirty years the father made his home in this county, becoming one of its well known and valued citizens. He acquired a fine farm of two hundred acres and passed away in 1900 at the age of eighty years. The mother spent her last days with a daughter in South Dakota and was called from earthly scenes in 1907, being then eighty-six years of age. The remains of Mr. and Mrs. McCurdy were interred side by side in Brockway cemetery, Orono township. There were six children in their family: Daniel, of Quincy, Illinois; Rebecca J., the wife of Thomas Jones, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; L. C., of Oregon; Thomas W., of Fort Morgan, Colorado; Minerva, the wife of John Moffit, of Madison, South Dakota; and Allen, the subject of this review.

Allen McCurdy came with his parents to Iowa at eleven years of age. He received his education in the district schools of Ohio and Muscatine county,

Iowa, and as he grew up he became thoroughly acquainted with farm work. After the death of his father he took charge of the home farm, continuing until a division was made among the heirs when the entire estate was sold. He then removed to Conesville and bought the property which he still occupies. He also owns one hundred and twenty acres of good land near Conesville, all of which is in excellent state of cultivation.

On the 2d of September, 1882, Mr. McCurdy was united in marriage to Miss Eva L. McKee, a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, and a daughter of Daniel and Mary McKee, both of whom were born in Ohio. They were married in their native state and came west in 1882, locating on a farm in Orono township, Muscatine county, which Mr. McKee cultivated until his death in 1884. The mother is now living with a daughter in Iowa City and has reached the advanced age of eighty-eight years. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McKee, namely: Hugh Vance, who died at the age of fifty years; Nancy M., now the wife of William B. Griffin, of Knox county, Ohio; Eva L., now Mrs. Allen McCurdy; L. A., of Missouri; Malinda, the wife of George McVey, of Iowa City; D. C., of Conesville, Iowa; and Wesley L., of Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Mr. McCurdy is a staunch supporter of the democratic party but he is not active in politics, as he prefers to devote his energies to his business interests. Being gifted with good natural ability which he developed by general reading and observation, he has attained a gratifying measure of prosperity in his chosen calling and by his influence and example has contributed materially toward the upbuilding of the county. He and his wife are sincere believers in the Christian religion, he being a member of the Methodist church, while Mrs. McCurdy is affiliated with the Reformed church. They are genial and hospitable people and are held in high esteem by a large circle of friends in this section.

FRANK T. LAWTON.

Frank T. Lawton, who owns a well improved farm in Goshen township, acquired through his own energy and good business management, was born July 24, 1875, in Pennsylvania, a son of Joseph F. and Sarah (Kline) Lawton, both of whom are natives of the Keystone state. The father has been engaged in farming ever since his marriage and is now the owner of one hundred acres which he has improved and made highly productive. There were five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Lawton, namely: Harvey, who is married and engaged in farming in Pennsylvania; Frank T., the subject of this review; Mercy, now the wife of Clark Trivelpiece, also a farmer of Pennsylvania; Roland, who is married and lives in Pennsylvania; and Blanche, a graduate of the high school and of the State Normal School, who has been engaged in teaching for the past three years and is living at home.

Frank T. Lawton received his early education in the common schools and later took a course in telegraphy. He remained at home until eighteen years of age and then in November, 1893, removed to Ohio where he remained for one year, at the end of which time he came to Atalissa, Iowa, and worked by the month for

two years. His next employment was also for a period of two years and was with the Rock Island Railway Company. Believing that agricultural pursuits offered greater inducements than the railway service, he again began working by the month on a farm and then commenced farming on his own account, renting land which he cultivated so successfully that in 1900 he was able to purchase the farm upon which he now lives. It comprises one hundred acres and is one of the highly productive properties of the neighborhood, being also well supplied with modern machinery, so that good results are obtained with the least expenditure of time and energy. Mr. Lawton raises cereals and also feeds stock for the market, applying good judgment and thus being able to secure the best prices available.

On the 12th of December, 1898, Mr. Lawton was united in marriage to Miss Sarah C. Cope, who was born in Muscatine county, October 24, 1873, a daughter of Charles and Mary G. (Guild) Cope. The parents were both born in Ohio but were married in Cedar county, Iowa, in 1870. Mr. Cope acquired a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Cedar county, which he has since disposed of. He retired in 1890 and now, having arrived at the age of seventy-six years, he makes his home with the subject of this review. His wife passed away in 1880 and her remains were interred in Tiber Lake cemetery, Muscatine county. There were two children in their family: Edith Ann, born in September, 1871, who is now the wife of Edward Bartley, an insurance man of Tipton, Iowa; and Sarah, who is the wife of Frank T. Lawton. Three children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawton, namely: Boyd C., Clarence J. and Mildred J.

Mr. Lawton has made a practical demonstration of success as a farmer, showing what may be accomplished by a young man who applies himself diligently, saving his money at the beginning of his career in order to become a property owner. Having thus acquired land, he improved it and today has one of the valuable farms of the township which yields a handsome income. It is men like the subject of this review who become leaders and give strength and stability to the county, state and nation. Politically Mr. Lawton is identified with the republican party and although he has not cared for political honors, has served to the general satisfaction of tax-payers as township trustee.

JUDGE LAWRENCE J. HORAN.

The Muscatine bar has had various worthy and capable representatives and by the consensus of public opinion Lawrence J. Horan is included in this number. For some years he was engaged in general practice, but is now serving as judge of the seventh judicial district. He is one of Muscatine's native sons, for his parents Thomas and Johanna (Russell) Horan, were here residing at the time of his birth on the 25th of October, 1863. He was named for his paternal grandfather, a native of Ireland, who devoted his life to farming and spent his last days in Syracuse, New York, where he died when more than sixty years of age. He had wedded Miss Mary Dwyer and unto them were born five children: Cornelius, Thomas, Daniel, Grace and Mary. After losing his first wife the grandfather married again, and there were four children by that union.



LAWRENCE J. HORAN

The maternal grandfather was John Russell, who died in Ireland when about thirty-three years of age. He had wedded a Miss Maher and she passed away in early womanhood. Their family numbered three daughters: Johanna, Mary and Bridget.

Both Thomas Horan and Johanna Russell were natives of County Tipperary, Ireland. The father was a farmer and on coming to America when nineteen years of age settled in Syracuse, New York. A year later he removed westward, establishing his home in Muscatine, Iowa, in the spring of 1856. In the fall of that year he wedded Johanna Russell and they began their domestic life in Muscatine, where they remained until the spring of 1868. Subsequently they spent three years upon a farm in Wilton township and in 1871 purchased a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres in Sweetland township, Mr. Horan cultivating that farm until 1893, when he put aside business cares and removed to Muscatine. He continued the owner of the old homestead, however, until his death, which occurred in 1903 when he was seventy-three years of age. His widow still survives him. She is a member of the Catholic church, to which Mr. Horan also belonged. They were the parents of seven children, a son and six daughters: Lawrence J.; Sarah, the wife of John Maher, of Chicago; Bridget, the wife of Thomas J. Delaney, of Casey, Iowa; Mary, the widow of W. F. Dwyer, of Muscatine; Johanna, the widow of James T. Mahoney, of Victor, Iowa; Anna, the wife of John J. Farrell, of Goshen township, Muscatine county; and Emma, the wife of James J. Archer, of Muscatine.

The youthful days of Lawrence J. Horan were spent upon his father's farm, and he early became acquainted with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. He attended the district schools and supplemented the knowledge therein gained by study in the Norton Scientific Academy at Wilton Junction, from which he was graduated in April, 1885. He afterward engaged in teaching during the fall and winter terms for two years and worked upon the farm in the summer seasons but regarded this merely as an initial step to other labor and took up the study of law in the office and under the direction of J. J. Russell, of Muscatine. Later he entered the law department of the State University of Iowa and was there graduated on the 17th of June, 1891, with the LL. B. degree. Forming a partnership with John F. Devitt, a classmate, they opened an office in Muscatine in August, 1891, and practiced together until December 31, 1910, when he assumed the duties of district judge. In a class of fifty-two Judge Horan won highest grade on composition and thesis, and at the time of his graduation was admitted to practice in both the state and federal courts. He is a lawyer of wide learning and never feared that laborious attention to his case which constitutes the office work and must precede the strong and forceful presentation of a case in the courts.

On the 25th of June, 1902, Judge Horan was married to Miss Agnes Logan, a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Smith) Logan, both of whom were natives of Ireland and became early settlers of Muscatine. Her father was a veteran of the Civil war. Early during the period of hostilities he joined Company E of the Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until victory had crowned the Union arms. He died in Muscatine in 1888 and is still survived by his widow. Their family numbered four children who reached years

of maturity: Charles H., now deceased; John; Samuel and Agnes. The last named became the wife of Lawrence J. Horan, and this marriage has been blessed with four children: Thomas, John, Mary and Agnes.

Judge and Mrs. Horan are members of St. Mathias Catholic church, and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and is also connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In his political views he is a democrat and served as city attorney for three years. In the summer of 1910 he was nominated by his party as one of the candidates for the office of judge of the seventh judicial district of Iowa, which district is composed of Muscatine, Scott, Clinton and Jackson counties, and in the fall of that year was elected as one of the four judges. On the 1st of January, 1911, he assumed the duties of that office and is the present incumbent.

L. A. AND WILLIAM M. SCHMIDT.

Through his own exertions in comparatively a few years L. A. Schmidt has attained a position as one of the responsible citizens of Muscatine county. He began farming upon rented land and today with his brother William M. is the owner of a valuable farm of one hundred and seventy-two and one-half acres. He was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, April 17, 1876, a son of Adam and Barbara (Bower) Schmidt, the father being a native of Germany and the mother of Rock Island county, Illinois. Adam Schmidt crossed the ocean to America in 1854, belonging to that sturdy class of men—fearless, strong and self-reliant—that do not hesitate to go to the ends of the earth if necessary in pursuit of fortune. He established a home in Rock Island county, Illinois, where he is still living. His wife departed this life December 9, 1909. Of the family of nine children six are now living, namely: George, still a resident of Illinois; L. A., our subject; Elizabeth, now the wife of Hans Parchert, of Illinois; William M., partner of L. A.; John, a resident of Illinois; and Emma, at home.

L. A. and William M. Schmidt grew up under the paternal roof, continuing with their father until reaching manhood, when they operated rented land for six years. Having by economy and well applied industry acquired a moderate capital, they purchased one hundred and sixty acres in Rock Island county, which they cultivated for five years, and then acquired their present farm on section 2, Goshen township Muscatine county. In addition to cultivating the soil they make a specialty of raising and feeding stock. They have improved their property until it is now one of the attractive places of the township and as a result of their careful attention it yields a handsome revenue. Its owners are justly regarded as men of affairs, whose means and influence are always exerted in behalf of the best interests of the community.

On the 30th of August, 1899, L. A. Schmidt was married to Miss Laura Frenzel, who was born in Muscatine county, April 25, 1881. She is a daughter of Thomas and Martha (Hucke) Frenzel, whose record appears elsewhere in this work, and is one of a family of three children. The others were: Lena, now at home; and Henry, who died in infancy. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt

have been brightened by the arrival of four children, namely: Wilma, born January 15, 1902; Myra I., October 24, 1905; Russell George, February 22, 1907; and Ivan Glenn, July 21, 1908.

Ever since arriving at voting age L. A. Schmidt has been a supporter of the republican party. He recognizes the advantages of education and has served most acceptably as member of the school board. He and his wife are connected with the German Lutheran church and are liberal supporters of that organization. The success of Mr. Schmidt has been in an important degree due to the fact that as a young man he became thoroughly familiar with farm work and as he grew older he acquired the difficult art of farm management. He deserves to be classed among the representative citizens of Muscatine county.

SAMUEL H. WISE.

Few men of Muscatine county saw more of the vicissitudes of life in their earlier years than Samuel H. Wise, of Wilton Junction. As a gold hunter and later as a soldier in the trying times of the Civil war, he passed through experiences that he can never forget and that had an important effect in molding his character. He is a native of Iowa, having been born in Cedar county, October 24, 1842. His parents were Henry and Sophia (Kester) Wise, both of whom were natives of Union county, Pennsylvania. They emigrated to Ohio in 1829 and came to Cedar county, this state, in 1839. Mr. Wise built a log cabin on a farm which he selected as his home and subsequently erected the first flouring mill that was built in Cedar county, hauling the lumber from Muscatine with two yoke of oxen. This mill he operated until his death, which occurred in 1856. The mother died in 1881. There were thirteen children in the family, seven of whom are now living.

Samuel H. Wise received his early education in the district schools, and as he grew up assisted in the work of the home and at the mill. At the age of seventeen, having heard many stories of sudden wealth acquired in the mines of Colorado, he yielded to the excitement that then prevailed in many regions of the west and crossed the plains to the Rocky mountains, where he spent a year and a half prospecting and digging for the yellow metal. However, he came to the conclusion that it was not his destiny to become wealthy as a miner, and he returned to Cedar county, Iowa, where in the summer of 1862 he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry, to serve for three years in the cause of the Union. The regiment participated in many hard fought battles and also in the celebrated siege of Vicksburg. Mr. Wise received his honorable discharge June 30, 1865, without having been wounded or injured in any way during the entire period of his service.

After spending a year upon the home farm, he took up photography and was engaged in that business at West Liberty, Iowa for one year. He then removed to Wilton Junction, where he has ever since continued in the same line, being now the oldest business man in the town. By close application he has built up a large patronage and enjoys a handsome competence, so that if he desires to do so he

may spend the remainder of his life in well earned rest. He also conducts a well equipped jewelry store in connection with his photograph gallery.

On the 30th of November, 1866, Mr. Wise was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Healy, who was born in Muscatine county in 1845, a daughter of Abiel and Mary (Adams) Healy, both of whom were natives of Massachusetts. They came to Muscatine county in 1836 and continued here during the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Wise is a member of a family of ten children, five of whom are now living. She was one of the popular school teachers of this region in her young womanhood. To Mr. and Mrs. Wise five children have been born: Mary S., the wife of Dr. George E. Zinn, of Homing, Oklahoma; Edwin A., of Chicago; George C., professor of languages in Salt Lake City, Utah; Ida E., wife of Rev. P. M. Conant, of Marion county, Iowa, and Samuel A., a jeweler of Mitchell, South Dakota.

Mr. Wise cast his first vote for Abraham Lincoln as president of the United States and has never seen any reason for changing his political allegiance, being a stanch supporter of the principles of the republican party. Fraternally he is identified with Lodge No. 167, A. F. & A. M., and the Grand Army Post No. 250, of Wilton Junction, and has filled all the chairs in the first named organization. He has lead an active and useful life and has little cause for regret when he looks back over his career. His prosperity is the result of his own labors, and he receives the respect due those who have faithfully attempted to perform their duty.

CHARLES H. MILLER.

Although Charles H. Miller has been identified with the business interests of Moscow for but a few years, he is well known in Muscatine county, where for a number of years he followed agricultural pursuits. He is now engaged in selling cream separators and gas engines and also ship's cream. Mr. Miller is a native of Moscow township, born December 8, 1864, and is a son of Frederick J. and Martha Elizabeth (Foehauer) Miller. The family came originally from Germany, where both the father and grandfather were born. The latter, Frederick Miller, Sr., emigrated to the United States with his family in 1844, in which year he located in Moscow township, this county, so that the family is an old and prominent one in this section of Iowa. He followed farming throughout the years of his residence in Muscatine county and passed away here in 1865. He was a democrat in his political views and affiliations and was numbered among the progressive and successful farmers of the community. His son, Frederick J. Miller, who became the father of our subject, was born in the fatherland in 1834 and was therefore but ten years old when brought to the new world. He was reared to general agricultural pursuits and made farming his life work. After reaching man's estate he was married and started out to make his own way in the world. His first marriage was with Miss Martha Elizabeth Foehauer, who was likewise born in Germany. She became the mother of seven children, but three of the number have departed this life, while four

still survive. Regina is the wife of J. C. Kemper, residing near Fairport, Iowa. Frederick E., the next in order of birth, was born January 17, 1862, and was educated in the common schools. He remained under the parental roof until twenty-nine years of age, after which he began farming on his own account and now owns a tract of two hundred and three acres in Muscatine county. He has made good improvements on the place and is engaged in general farming and stock-raising. He was married in 1891 to Miss Ida May Funk, of Sweetland township, and they have had five children: Joy May, Roy Frederick, Ina Ellen, Frederick Charles and Fern Anna, but the last named is deceased. In his political views Frederick Miller is a democrat and both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as a steward. Charles H. Miller, whose name introduces this record, is the next of the family. Anna, the youngest, is the wife of C. Desmond, a resident of Davenport, Iowa. The father was married a second time, this union being with Anna Schumberg, and unto them were born six children: Emma, the wife of Adam Otto, of Davenport; Edward E., a resident of Moscow township; Bertha, the wife of Otto Kruger of Muscatine; Lillie, Edna and Cora, all at home. The father was called to his final rest on the 22d of May, 1901, and thus the county lost one of its old and honored citizens, whose labors had been a factor in the early development and improvement of this section of the state.

Charles H. Miller was a little lad of nine years at the time of his mother's death, after which he remained with his father on the home farm. He pursued his education in the common schools and continued to work with his father until he had attained the age of twenty-seven. At that period in his life he began business on his own account, choosing as his occupation the work to which he has been reared. For fourteen years he was engaged in farming in Moscow township, and although he met with substantial success, he eventually decided to abandon agriculture, and accordingly took up his abode in the village of Moscow, where he has made his home for six years. He is now engaged in selling cream separators and gas engines and also ships cream to the city markets, the various branches of his business bringing him a gratifying annual income. He also owns a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres, located on sections 16 and 17, Moscow township, and from this he derives a good rental. He occupies a nice home in the village, which he owns, and on his property he has erected a good and substantial barn.

In 1890 occurred the marriage of Mr. Miller and Miss Agnes Elizabeth Marticke, who was born in Moscow township, a daughter of Edward and Minnie (Schultz) Marticke. The father was born in Germany, whence he emigrated to the United States in the early '40s.

Politically Mr. Miller is in sympathy with the democratic party, in his public life evincing fidelity to its principles, and he does all within his power to advance the best interests of his constituents. He served on the township board for six years; is also a member of the school board, and is now township clerk. He is a devout Methodist, and since 1896 has served as a steward in the church, while for ten years he was a trustee and is now secretary of the board of trustees. He is also active in the work of the Sunday school, having for the past nine years filled the office of superintendent, while at various times prior to that

he has filled the same office. His wife is likewise active in the various departments of church and Sunday school work and for the past twelve years has served as secretary of the school and she is also filling the same office in the Ladies' Aid Society. Mr. Miller is a prominent Mason, holding membership with Wilton Lodge No. 167, in which he has served through part of the chairs. Realizing the fact that zeal and energy constitute the basis of success, he has pursued his work diligently, and this combined with honorable business methods has gained him a place among the highly respected and substantial citizens of Muscatine county.

WILLIAM MYERS.

Among the citizens of Muscatine county who in the hour of danger nobly assisted in the preservation of the Union may be named William Myers, now living retired at Wilton Junction. He is a native of Clay county, Indiana, and was born April 7, 1834, a son of Michael and Mollie (Dutton) Myers. The parents emigrated from Virginia to Indiana and entered land there, settling on a timber farm. In the midst of the forest Mr. Myers built a log cabin, which he covered with a clapboard roof and provided with a puncheon floor and home-made furniture according to the early style of the pioneers. Later, having prospered as a farmer, he built a more pretentious residence, in which a family of nine children were reared, five of whom are now living.

William Myers grew up on the old homestead and attended the district school, assisting his father on the farm until twenty-three years of age. On leaving Indiana, he removed to Rock Island county, Illinois, where he enlisted in Company A, Sixtieth Illinois Infantry, and was soon sent with his regiment to the front, participating in many important battles of the Army of the West. He marched under General Sherman to the sea and returned northward to Washington, D. C., being present at the grand review in June, 1865. Having received his honorable discharge at Louisville, Kentucky, he came to Cedar county, Iowa, where he engaged in general farming and became one of the prosperous citizens of the community. Since 1886 he has lived retired at Wilton Junction.

In 1858, in Muscatine county, Iowa, Mr. Myers was united in marriage to Miss Margaret A. Wilhelm, a native of Dayton, Ohio, and a daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Krise) Wilhelm. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and the mother in Ohio. Some time after their marriage they removed to Vigo county, Indiana, and in 1856 took up their residence in Muscatine county, Iowa, where the mother departed this life January 14, 1890. The father was called away on November 9, 1894. There were eleven children in their family, two of whom are now living. Five children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Myers: George W., who was born August 3, 1859, and died in 1883; Francis M., now of Muscatine, Iowa; Elizabeth A., the wife of Frank Leinkuhler, of Moscow, Iowa; U. S. L. Grant, now a practicing physician of Muscatine; and Lee, who was born in 1872 and died in July, 1887. Mr. Myers and his wife have been separated from two of their children under circumstances unusually distressing, both of the sons

meeting their death by drowning. Bravely have they faced the vicissitudes of life, sustained by a faith in an all wise ruler whose providence is synonymous with justice and love.

Mr. Myers is affiliated with the republican party and served as school director and road supervisor. He is a valued member of Post No. 250, G. A. R., and Mrs. Myers is affiliated with the Ladies Relief Corps of the same post. They have many warm personal friends in Wilton township.

JOHN G. KAMMERER.

John G. Kammerer, filling the position of city attorney, is numbered among Iowa's native sons, his birth having occurred at Port Louisa, Louisa county, on the 2d of October, 1871. He comes of a family of German origin. His paternal grandfather, John Kammerer, spent his entire life in Baden-Baden, Germany, where he passed away at the age of seventy-two years. He was quite well-to-do, owning several small tracts of land. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: John, Jacob, George, Catherine, Mary and Louis.

The eldest of this family, John Kammerer, was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, on the 19th of January, 1831, and remained in that country until eighteen years of age, during which period he acquired a common-school education and followed teaming there but the tales which he heard concerning the business opportunities of the new world aroused his ambition and with a desire to benefit by the conditions here to be found he crossed the Atlantic to the United States. For two years he lived in the state of New York and then came to the middle west, following boating on the Mississippi river. He also conducted a store in Port Louisa before the days of railroads and engaged in buying grain there, his trade covering territory many miles in extent. He shipped his grain by boat to St. Louis and for a long period was closely, actively and prominently associated with the commercial and trade interests of Louisa county but has now put aside business cares and is there living retired. After coming to the new world he wedded Miss Caroline Charles, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Michael and Christina Charles. Her father was a native of Germany and on coming to the new world settled in the Keystone state. He died at the very advanced age of eighty-five years, while his wife reached the age of seventy-three years. They had a large family, including Caroline, Mary, Kate, Ann, Ida, Maggie and Joseph. Unto Mr. and Mrs. John Kammerer there were born six children, five sons and a daughter: John G., of this review; Mollie D., the wife of Frank Beik; Harry J.; Albert L.; Charles Joseph; and Aut. All reside in Louisa county with the exception of John G. of this review. The mother passed away in September, 1886, at the age of thirty-six years. She was reared in the faith of the Catholic church, while John Kammerer was reared in the Lutheran church. He has held various township offices and is numbered among the valued and representative citizens of Louisa county, where he has made his home from pioneer days down to the present time.

John G. Kammerer, whose name introduces this record, was reared in Louisa county upon his father's farm, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. The country schools afforded him his early educational privileges and he afterward had the benefit of instruction in the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso. He then engaged in teaching for three years and the summer seasons were devoted to farm work but thinking to find a professional career more congenial, he became a student in the law department of the Iowa University at Iowa City, on the 1st of January, 1899. He was graduated on the 8th of June, 1900, and at the same time was admitted to the bar. For a brief period he lived in Davenport and then removed to Muscatine, where for the past decade he has practiced his profession. He has been accorded a good clientage and on the 17th of June, 1910, was elected city attorney, which office he is now capably filling, faithfully defending the interests of the city as counselor and advocate. He has ever recognized the fact that unabating industry is as essential to success at the bar as in the trades or in commercial life. He has therefore applied himself with unfaltering energy to his work, has carefully prepared his cases and is gaining a well merited success.

On the 20th of May, 1902, Mr. Kammerer was married to Miss Ida M. Raymond, a native of Valparaiso, and a daughter of Louis and Artemus Raymond, the former a native of Canada and the latter of Kankakee county, Illinois. They are now residents of Valparaiso, Indiana, where they reared their family of seven children, of whom six are yet living, namely: Nelda, Ida M., Rudolph, Laura, Mabel and Leona.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Kammerer has been blessed with four children, Raymond J., Melvin A., De Vere H. and Leona. The parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Kammerer gives his political allegiance to the republican party. Theirs is a hospitable home and its good cheer is greatly enjoyed by the many friends whom they have won during the period of their residence in Muscatine.

DARIUS ALBERT COLE.

Darius Albert Cole is a well known farmer of Sweetland township, where he has spent his entire life, his birth there occurring January 11, 1863. He comes of an old New York family, being the grandson of Albert Cole, who was born in Green River, Columbia county, in 1793, and came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1855, locating on a farm in Sweetland township now owned by his son, Nathaniel Boardman Cole, the father of our subject. In early manhood Albert Cole was married to Sarah Demmick and to them were born ten children but only two are now living, Henry Hopkins Cole and Nathaniel Boardman Cole.

The latter was also born in Green River, Columbia county, New York, on the 3d of December, 1830, but spent ten years of his life just across the state line, in Berkshire county, Massachusetts. He then returned to New York, making his home in Fishhouse for fourteen years. For two years he was in the employ of the Hudson River Railroad and later was connected with the Schenectady &



D. A. COLE AND FAMILY

Saratoga Railway, but in 1855, being attracted to the west, he came to Muscatine county, Iowa, and located on section 36, Sweetland township, where he has since made his home. He is today the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and eighty acres and is regarded as one of the prosperous and highly esteemed citizens of the community. He married Hannah Mary Henneker, who was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, in 1840, and when six years of age came to this county in company with her parents, J. B. and Jane (Longstreth) Henneker. Her father was a native of England. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel B. Cole were born three children: Sarah, who is now the wife of J. Van Franker; Darius Albert, of this review; and Charlotte A.

Darius A. Cole was educated in the district schools and early decided to devote his life to farming. On reaching manhood he took charge of his father's farm, which he has ever since cultivated and has also purchased eighty acres of land which he holds in his own name. He has made no specialty but engages in general farming. His career has been successful, as he uses good judgment in all his operations, and he is now in charge of one of the most desirable farms in Sweetland township.

In 1893 Mr. Cole was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Nugent, a daughter of James and Eliza Nugent. Three children were born of this union, of whom G. Richard is the only one living, the first child having died in infancy and the second at nine years of age.

A man of enterprise, perseverance and discrimination Mr. Cole is a worthy descendant of honored ancestry. Politically he is identified with the republican party and is prominent in its councils in Muscatine county. He has held a number of township offices but is not an aspirant for recognition in politics, desiring rather to devote his energies to his business affairs. He and the entire family are earnest members of the Presbyterian church.

WILLIAM NACHBAUR.

Born of German parentage, William Nachbaur of Goshen township, has shown by his life work the admirable characteristics which lead almost invariably to prosperity. His eyes first opened to the light of day at Atalissa, Iowa, October 18, 1864, his parents being Louis and Amelia (Wolguenot) Nachbaur, who came to America in the early '50s and lived at Davenport, Iowa, for eight years, after which they removed to Atalissa, Muscatine county. The father was a stone-mason by trade, a man of sturdy independence and good character. He departed this life March 16, 1893, the mother being called away March 20, 1909. Of the seven sons making up their family two are now living beside our subject—Joe F., of Joliet, Illinois; and Frank, of Chicago.

William Nachbaur was reared in the town of Atalissa, where he attended school and attained the rudiments of an education which he has since greatly broadened by reading and observation. From his boyhood he evinced a capacity for agricultural pursuits and after arriving at manhood he rented the family homestead of his wife's father, consisting of one hundred acres, of which he has

ever since been in charge. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock and as he understands his work thoroughly and delivers the stock in good condition each year to the market, he has been very successful financially.

On the 14th of April, 1883, Mr. Nachbaur was united in marriage to Miss Madie Overman, who was born in Goshen township, May 4, 1864, a daughter of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Barklow) Overman, both natives of Ohio. Her father came to Muscatine county in 1845 and for some time was in charge of a ferry crossing the Cedar river. He later devoted his entire attention to farming and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty acres but is living retired in Muscatine, having reached the advanced age of seventy-eight years. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Overman, three of whom are living: Madie, now Mrs. Nachbaur; Harriet, the wife of George Moore, of West Liberty, Iowa; and Clara, now Mrs. B. F. Beveridge, of Muscatine.

From a modest beginning Mr. Nachbaur has acquired a competence and he is today regarded as one of the reliable men of his township. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America camp of Atalissa and is an earnest supporter of its principles. Mrs. Nachbaur is a member of the Christian church but her husband has from his earliest recollection been identified with the Catholic church and by his upright character has attracted many friends in the community where he has spent his entire life.

FRANK LEIMKUEHLER.

Among the respected citizens of Muscatine county born in Germany who came to America in quest of a fortune and here found what they sought is Frank Leimkuehler. He was born in Dissen, Province of Hanover, Germany, January 7, 1857, and comes of good Teutonic ancestry, being a son of Frederick and Wilhelmina (Hinkhouse) Leimkuehler, both natives of Germany. The house of his grandfather Hinkhouse, erected in 1560, is still standing on the old homestead. The parents of our subject lived and died in their native land. By their union six children were born, two of whom are deceased.

Frank Leimkuehler received his education in the schools of Germany and continued amidst familiar scenes until twenty-four years of age, when he sought in America to solve the problems that face every young man entering upon the responsibilities of a business career. He bravely bade his friends farewell and on April 15, 1881, landed in New York, coming direct to Wilton Junction, Iowa, where he spent two months with an uncle and then clerked in the store of W. Johnson, for six weeks. Relinquishing his position, he then came to Moscow, Muscatine county, and clerked in the store of C. A. Zeisig until September 1, 1882, when he bought out the business, moving into a new store building erected by himself, December 1, 1885. Here he has continued ever since, carrying a general line of merchandise, and as he is well acquainted with the wants of the people and uses good taste and discrimination in buying, he has met with marked success, his establishment being one of the most prosperous of the kind in his part of the county. He is also the owner of a handsome residence, which he erected in

1888, where his family are supplied with all of the conveniences and many of the luxuries of life.

On the 15th of May, 1883, Mr. Leimkuehler was united in marriage to Miss Libby A. Myers, a native of Rock Island county, Illinois. She was born October 11, 1863, and is a daughter of William and Margaret (Wilhelm) Myers, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of Ohio. They were married in Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1858, subsequently taking up their residence in Indiana, where they remained for four years. They then went to Rock Island county, Illinois, and while living there, the Civil war being in progress, Mr. Myers enlisted in the cause of the Union. When the father went to the front the mother removed to Muscatine with her children and was there joined by the head of the family after his return from the army. He located on a farm, which he cultivated until 1885, when he retired from active labor and is now living with his wife at Wilton Junction. Mrs. Leimkuehler is the only daughter of her parents but had four brothers, only two now living. Mr. and Mrs. Leimkuehler, not having children of their own, adopted a daughter, Cora E., who is now the wife of the Rev. W. H. Slack, a minister of the Methodist church at Douds, Iowa.

Ever since he became a citizen of his adopted country Mr. Leimkuehler has been identified with the democratic party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the perpetuity of a government founded upon political equality. He has taken an active interest in political affairs and served as postmaster of Moscow from 1886 to 1897. He has also most acceptably filled the position of school director for a period of fourteen years. In religious belief he and his wife are in sympathy with the Methodist church and are active supporters of that denomination. The success of Mr. Leimkuehler has been due to laudable ambition, close application and well directed energy. He made no mistake in striking out as a young man among strangers. In this state he found the opportunities he sought and here he has attained a prosperity which is the reward of labor and perseverance.

J. P. NICHOLS.

The distinguishing characteristics of men who achieve success in various lines of business in America are energy, perseverance and clear judgment. Having these three attributes a man should hope to accomplish a worthy object in life, especially if he is blessed with a sound constitution. This has been illustrated in innumerable instances, and the career of J. P. Nichols, deceased, is another evidence of the truth of this statement. Born in Muscatine county, March 1, 1855, he was the son of Phineas and Martha (Gibson) Nichols, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

J. P. Nichols grew up under the favoring influences of a well regulated home and received in the public schools an education that prepared him excellently for the responsibilities of later years. He remained at home until after arriving at maturity, and having married at twenty-three years of age, he began farming upon his own account, continuing with a high degree of success until 1903, when

he removed to West Liberty and retired from active labors. He died May 26, 1906, and was laid to rest in Oakridge cemetery. During his business career he made a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and cattle, and as a breeder of short-horn cattle attained a reputation which placed him among the most successful men in that line in the state. He was also to great extent, a breeder of a standard grade of horses and was always an owner and lover of good horses. He was identified with various business enterprises and for a number of years served as director of the Peoples State Bank of West Liberty.

On the 21st day of February, 1878, Mr. Nichols was united in marriage to Miss Elnora P. Hall, a native of Johnson county, Iowa, and daughter of N. M., and Sophia (Means) Hall, the former a native of Knox county, Ohio, and the latter of the state of Virginia. The parents lived in Wisconsin for a short time and came to Iowa in 1857, Mr. Hall becoming one of the prosperous farmers of Johnson county. In 1903 he sold his farm and now makes his home in West Liberty, having arrived at the venerable age of seventy-nine years. His wife passed away in September, 1891. There were six children in their family, three of whom are now living.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nichols one daughter, Nellie Blanch, was born, January 23, 1879. She is a graduate of the West Liberty high school and also attended the University School of Music at Iowa City and is now a successful teacher of that art. She makes her home with her mother.

Mr. Nichols was a member of the Knights of Pythias of West Liberty and also of the Methodist church. He was a man of many attractive qualities who made friends readily and retained their sincere respect. Mrs. Nichols and her daughter are the owners of three hundred acres of land in Muscatine county and a fine residence on Third street in West Liberty and also five lots in Oak Park. Mrs. Nichols also has stock in the Peoples State Bank. She is a valued member of the Pythian Sisters and an active worker in the Methodist church, while Miss Nichols holds membership in the Pythian Sisters and in the P. E. O. Society. She is also a member of the Fortnightly Club. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols reared a niece, Sarah Bertha Hall, who became a member of the family at the age of three years. She received a good high-school education and is now a popular teacher in the schools of West Liberty.

C. R. WILSON.

Among the active business men of Muscatine county, C. R. Wilson, of Atalissa, may be named as one who has fairly earned the position of respect which he now holds in the community. He was born at Oxford, Johnson county, Iowa, March 8, 1876, and is a son of J. W. and Anna E. (Wilson) Wilson. He acquired his education in the district schools and remained at home assisting his parents until he was twenty-one years of age. Desiring to see the world and also to gain a practical knowledge of business, he went on the road as a traveling salesman and continued for nine years, also filling the position of city salesman in Chicago for one year. Meeting all classes of men, he gained many lessons which are

not learned under ordinary circumstances and became well prepared for additional responsibility. Accordingly, in 1905, he associated with his father and brother in the lumber, paint, hardware and tile business at Atalissa and has since continued along those lines. Being a man of good capabilities and fine address, he has made many friends. Through trained judgment, careful selection of goods and a knowledge of the wants of the community his business has steadily grown and the firm is one of the most prosperous in this section.

In 1905 Mr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Ida B. Bonham, of Lincoln, Nebraska, a daughter of William Harrison and Martha Jane (Cook) Bonham. Her father is deceased and her mother is now living with our subject.

Mr. Wilson since arriving at voting age has given his adherence to the republican party. Fraternally he is identified with the blue lodge, No. 122, A. F. & A. M., of Atalissa. He and his wife are earnest members of the Presbyterian church, whose doctrines they accept as those set forth in Holy Writ. In his business affairs Mr. Wilson had displayed good judgment and untiring diligence, gaining a high standard among his associates. He has a host of friends in this part of the state who have found him to be active and enterprising, faithful in the discharge of his obligations and entirely trustworthy in every relation of life.

JOHN S. HEABNER.

No history of Muscatine county would be complete without adequate mention of the citizens now departed who assisted in the upbuilding of the county and left a name as a legacy to their children which may be rightly considered even a more precious heritage than lands or money. Among the men of this character was Thomas S. Heabner, for more than sixty years a resident of the county, who here acquired a reputation for ability in business and fidelity to duty which endeared him to a host of friends and acquaintances.

He was born in Bavaria, Germany, May 13, 1832, being the son of Michael and Mary Heabner. The father died in his native land in 1834 and ten years later the mother came to this country, locating in Muscatine county, Iowa. Here she was married to David Baker and she and her husband moved to Macon county, Illinois, where she departed this life in 1856. She was a woman of many sterling characteristics and a worthy representative of a nationality whose sons and daughters have wonderfully contributed toward the advancement of civilization not only in their native land but in all the principal countries of the world.

John S. Heabner came to America with his mother at twelve years of age and continued with her until her death. Returning from Illinois to Muscatine county, he became closely identified with farming interests, first purchasing eighty acres in Wilton township. Later he acquired one hundred and ninety acres in section 11, Moscow township, which became the homestead. He carried on general farming and stock-raising and as he was industrious and enterprising, he gained a reputation as one of the most successful farmers in his region.

In 1860 Mr. Heabner was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Doefler, who was also born in Germany, her natal day being October 19, 1842. She was a

daughter of Adam and Barbara Doefler, who came to this country in 1852. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Heabner eight children were born, namely: Anna B., now the wife of Adolph Kirchoffer, of Missouri; George W., of Wilton Junction, Iowa; Katharine, at home; John S., Jr., of Cedar county, Iowa; Henry, of Moscow township; Frank A., who is now in charge of the home farm and with his brothers is identified with the dairy business as well as with general farming; Lydia M., at home; and William P., also at home.

Mr. Heabner died November 12, 1906, and the general expression of regret that greeted the announcement of his death gave evidence of the profound respect in which he was held. He was laid to rest by loving hands in Moscow cemetery but the memory of his many kindly acts cannot be forgotten by those with whom he was associated. Mrs. Heabner is still living upon the home farm, which is endeared to her by many associations. She is a member of the Lutheran church, as was her husband, and as she is a woman of many admirable characteristics, she is well beloved by all who know her.

SIMON G. SHETLER.

Simon G. Shetler, whose well cultivated farm in Goshen township indicates the prudence and industry of its owner, is a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, born October 6, 1850, and is a son of Jones and Harriet (Hayes) Shetler, also natives of the Keystone state. In 1859 Mr. Shetler removed to Rock Island county, Illinois, locating upon a farm on which he lived until his death, which occurred January 7, 1903. The mother passed away in November, 1907. There were nine children in their family, namely: Mary J., now the wife of Emanuel McCormick, of Illinois; Simon G., our subject; Maggie, now Mrs. Lewis Fiberlein, of Goshen township, Muscatine county; Mattie, the wife of Albert Cunningham, also of Goshen township; Malinda, now Mrs. Eli Summers, of Muscatine; John, a resident of the state of Washington; Elizabeth, the wife of Charles Crabtree, of Illinois; Eliza, now Mrs. Isaac Dungan, of Illinois; and Agnes, the wife of Edward Morton, also of Illinois.

Simon G. Shetler came west with his parents in his boyhood and was reared upon the home farm, where he remained until he arrived at the age of twenty-one years. He then entered the employ of Thomas Van Atta, of Rock Island county, with whom he continued for one year, after which he spent two years with William Drury, of the same county. Having acquired a good practical knowledge of farming, he began renting land on his own account, continuing without interruption for twenty-six years, at the end of which time he purchased eighty acres in Cedar county, Iowa. After cultivating that farm for three years he sold it and bought one hundred and sixty acres in Johnson county, Iowa, which he operated for three years and sold, then purchasing one hundred and seventy-one acres of good land on sections 15 and 16, Goshen township, Muscatine county, where he established his permanent home. He has improved his farm by the erection of buildings, fences, etc., and specializes in raising and feeding stock, in which he is quite successful.

On the 22d of December, 1875, Mr. Shetler was united in marriage to Miss Mary S. Swigart, who was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, in 1854, and is a daughter of John and Betsy (Clark) Swigart, who were also natives of Pennsylvania. After living for some years in Rock Island county, Illinois, her parents moved to Iowa county, Iowa, in 1874 and continued there until their deaths. There were twelve children in their family. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Shetler nine children have been born, namely: John, of Goshen township; May, the wife of William Williams, of Cedar county, Iowa; Minnie, now Mrs. Ned Romaine, of West Liberty, Iowa; Pearl, the wife of Elzie Lunda, of Muscatine county; Roy and Chauncey, at home; Nellie, the wife of Fred Devore, of Muscatine county; Ray, at home; and Myrtle, now attending high school at Atalissa.

On September 27, 1904, Mrs. Shetler passed away, her death being the severest affliction that Mr. Shetler has ever known. She was a woman of generous and noble qualities and greatly endeared herself to those with whom she was associated. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church and was always a willing worker in worthy causes. Mr. Shetler gives his adherence to the republican party and the esteem in which he is held by his neighbors is indicated by the fact that he is now serving as township trustee and also as a member of the school board. He holds membership in Lodge No. 122, A. F. & A. M., of Atalissa, and has filled all of the chairs in this lodge. From a humble beginning, through many years of effort he has acquired a competence and today is one of the honored citizens of Muscatine county.

WILLIAM J. MILLER, M. D.

In active practice at Wilton Junction for sixteen years past, Dr. William J. Miller has gained a well earned reputation as one of the leading physicians of Muscatine county. His birth occurred on the old homestead farm in Cedar county, Iowa, May 15, 1868, his parents being Jacob B., and Wilhelmina (Doore) Miller, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. They came to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1850, locating upon a farm, where the father lived for fifty-nine years. He was called away October 5, 1909, but the beloved mother is still living and makes her home with her son, the subject of this review. There were seven children in the family, their names being Anna M., the wife of A. T. Smith, of Atalissa, Iowa; Ella M., now Mrs. E. G. Bailey, of Elgin, Oregon; William J.; D. P., a practicing physician of Chicago, Illinois; Rose, who also lives in Chicago; Vera I., the wife of R. Knave, of Davenport, Iowa; and Henry, who died in infancy.

William J. Miller was reared upon the home farm and received his early education in the district schools, becoming a student of the Tipton high school, from which he was graduated in 1888. Having decided to pursue a professional career, he taught school for several years in order to procure the necessary funds, and then matriculated in the medical department of Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, graduating from the preparatory department in 1890. From this institution he went to Keokuk, Iowa, and in 1894, graduated with the degree of M. D.

from Keokuk Medical College, thus gaining additional knowledge for the important work upon which he was about to enter. After leaving college he established himself at Wilton Junction, where he has since engaged in practice. He earned the money to pay for his education and he knows of the obstacles which must be overcome by one who rises through his own exertions. He is a conscientious and thorough student and observer and an indefatigable investigator along the lines which he has chosen as his life pursuit. The success he has attained has been fairly won and his clientage has steadily grown until today he is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of his locality. In business as well as pro its board of directors. He owns a handsome residence in Wilton and also a large Farmers Savings Bank of Wilton Junction. He is now serving as a member of fessional circles he is favorably known, having been one of the organizers of the tract of land in South Dakota.

In 1907 Dr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Nellie Lang, who was born in Muscatine county in 1877, a daughter of Nicholas and Margaret (Leberknight) Lang, both natives of Germany. Mrs. Lang is deceased, but the father is still living in this county. To Dr. and Mrs. Miller one child, Kathrine N., has been born, her natal day being March 5, 1908.

Dr. Miller gives his support to the republican party, and fraternally is actively identified with lodge No. 107, I. O. O. F., at Wilton. He has filled all the chairs in this lodge. His honorable record cannot fail to be an incentive to young men who are striving to attain worthy objects, as it shows that grit, perseverance and unalterable determination will win if their possessor does not grow faint hearted and fall by the wayside.

ELBERT ARGENE ALLBEE.

For more than thirty years the name of Allbee has been associated with the educational development and progress of Muscatine county in the various capacities of teacher, school director and county superintendent. Elbert Argene Allbee was born in Vermont on the 9th of June, 1849, and is the descendant in both the paternal and maternal lines of old New England families. His father, Gustavus Allbee, was born in the state of Vermont on the 27th of April, 1822, and the paternal grandfather, also a native of Vermont, was born on the 19th of June, 1775. The mother, Eliza Malvina (Allbee) Allbee, was born in Vermont on the 2d of February, 1828, a daughter of George Washington Allbee, who was born in the same state on the 24th of December, 1799, and the latter's father, also from Vermont, was born on the 16th of April, 1768. Mr. and Mrs. Gustavus Allbee were married in the state of their nativity on the 29th of January, 1844, continuing to make their home in New England for the first eleven years thereafter. At the end of that period they decided that the prairie states of the middle west promised better opportunities than the more thickly settled districts of the east, and so started on the long journey which had its termination in Davenport, Iowa, on the 6th of December, 1855. It was at the latter point that the first bridge across the Mississippi river was under construction which



MR. AND MRS. E. A. ALBEE

was completed in the following spring. This bridge was raised upon a falsework that rested on the ice that was from three to four feet thick that winter. William Cook was team boss and Gustavus Allbee drove the company's team that raised all of the falsework. When both ends of the bridge had been constructed from their respective shores to the piers next to the drawpier on each side, two large ropes were stretched from each end to the drawpier, plank were fastened upon them and a handrope stretched above them, thus making swinging bridges over which the workmen might pass to the drawpier from either side. On Saturday evening, at the completion of these swinging walks, Boss Cook heard the contractor suggest to the superintendent that they bring their wives down early Monday morning and have them to be the first women to cross the mighty river on a bridge. At Mr. Cook's suggestion he and his wife, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Allbee and their son Elbert, at that time six and one-half years of age, repaired to the bridge early Sunday morning. It was a raw, windy morning in March, 1856, the river was full of floating ice, the current swift and the walk swung so frightfully that Mrs. Cook took but a step or two and shrank back refusing to go; but brave little Mrs. Allbee unhesitatingly took the lead, and, followed closely by her husband, leading their little son, walked clear across to the Illinois shore and back to Iowa. Thus she was the first woman ever to cross the Father of Waters on a bridge and her son Elbert the first child ever to do so. Shortly after this incident Mr. Allbee bought one hundred and twenty acres of land in Muscatine county, Iowa, upon which they located and continued to reside for thirty-two years, at which time they retired to a smaller tract, upon which they spent the remainder of their days. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Allbee were born eight children, five of whom are still living: G. W. Allbee, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Mrs. J. W. Fowler, of Grinnell, Iowa; Leslie Allbee, of Sweetland township, Muscatine county; Mrs. E. J. Eis, also of Sweetland township; and Elbert A. Allbee. The mother passed away on the 3d of October, 1893, but the father lived until the 10th of September, 1905. They are buried in Parr's cemetery, Fulton township, Muscatine county.

Elbert Argene Allbee was a lad of but six years when his parents left Vermont and therefore practically his entire life has been spent in Iowa. He attended the district schools of Muscatine county until such time as he was qualified to become a teacher, when he became connected with the profession with which he has been identified in some form or other the greater part of his life. He remained a member of his father's household until he had reached the age of twenty-two years, when he rented some land from his father and began farming, continuing his teaching, however, for several years. At the time of his father's retirement in 1888 he purchased the old homestead with its two hundred acres of land, which he has improved and brought to a high state of cultivation, and is now owner of one of the finest and most valuable farms in Muscatine county.

Mr. Allbee was united in marriage on the 1st of January, 1873, to Miss Celia E. McElroy, who was born in Pennsylvania on the 21st of November, 1844, the daughter of James E. and Margaret (Jordan) McElroy. The father was born in Ohio on the 22d of April, 1820, and the mother in the Keystone state on the 29th of May, 1817. Mr. and Mrs. McElroy came to Muscatine county in 1858 and located on a farm in Fulton township, where they continued to reside during the

remainder of their lives. They became the parents of six children, five of whom are yet living, as follows: William J., who lives in Fulton township, Muscatine county; James E., also a resident of this county; Mrs. C. G. Van Epps, of Sheldon, Iowa; Mrs. D. S. Brown, of Dexter, Iowa; Mrs. E. A. Allbee, the wife of our subject; and John W., who died in infancy. Mr. McElroy passed away on the old homestead on the 9th of June, 1863, but the mother survived until the 27th of July, 1873. They were laid to rest in Parr's cemetery, Fulton township.

Mr. and Mrs. Allbee have become the parents of six children, who are as follows: Rev. Mrs. C. C. Brown, of Shellsburg, Iowa; Mrs. George Wise, the wife of Professor Wise, who occupies the chair of modern languages in the State University, Salt Lake City, Utah; Gustavus, who is practicing law in Muscatine, Iowa; Erwin E., managing the home farm; Irene, who passed away at the age of eighteen years; and one who died in infancy.

The family are all members of the Presbyterian church, Mr. Allbee being a ruling elder in the Nolo church. Ever since attaining his majority he has been identified with the democratic party. He has always taken an active interest in all political issues, particularly in those pertaining to the schools as education has at all times found in him a strong supporter. He has usually been identified with some public office, serving as justice of the peace for eight consecutive years and county superintendent for four and one-third years, and for eighteen years he served on the local school board. In addition to these he has filled several of the township offices, being elected clerk for two terms and assessor three. That he has proved capable and trustworthy in each and every instance is indicated by his reelection to the same office and to others. Mr. Allbee is a member of the Masonic fraternity, having taken the degrees of the council and commandery of the York Rite, his local affiliation being with Lodge No. 2, of Muscatine. He is also identified with Pleasant Prairie Lodge, No. 118, M. B. A. He is one of the well known and highly respected men of Muscatine county, whose success has been the result of close application and honorable and upright business methods, and he thoroughly deserves the esteem accorded him by those who know him.

RICHARD C. COOLING.

Among the young and energetic business men of Wilton Junction is Richard C. Cooling, who for a number of years past has been identified with the hardware business and gives promise of a long and useful career. He brought to his vocation a talent and inclination for the line which he has chosen and, being a man of fine address and pleasing personality, his circle of friends and acquaintances is constantly widening.

Born in Ogle county, Illinois, January 22, 1876, he is a son of F. W. and Emma (Wirtz) Cooling, the former a native of New York state and the latter of Illinois. The parents came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1883 and took up their residence at Wilton Junction, where the father died in 1900. Mrs. Cooling is still living at Wilton Junction. There were six children in the family: Nettie, the

wife of C. M. Higley, of Kansas; Florence, now Mrs. J. C. Wood, of Muscatine county; Richard C., our subject; Albert, of San Francisco, California; Lewis, of Dixon, Illinois; and Eugenia, the wife of W. O. Harless, of Kansas.

Richard C. Cooling came to Wilton Junction with his parents at the age of seven years and received his education in the public and high schools of this place. As a student he applied himself diligently and gave evidence of many of those traits that are so essential in the accomplishment of worthy objects in life. He continued at home until he arrived at his majority and then entered the service of the United States Express Company, remaining with them for seven years, which speaks well for his persistence and fidelity. Believing that the road to financial prosperity lay for him in some other direction than that of the express business, he opened a hardware store in 1904 and soon demonstrated his ability as a salesman, building up a patronage which has become quite lucrative. His store is neat and attractive in appearance and, as he has displayed good judgment as a buyer, he meets the demands of customers and has attained deserved success as a business man. He yields his allegiance to the republican party and heartily supports its candidates and principles.

ALBERT G. FEERS, M. D. C.

The life record of Albert G. Feers, veterinary surgeon of Wilton Junction, does not cover a long period as time goes but it should prove highly encouraging to any ambitious young man who is obliged to make his way in the world without financial assistance from others. Dr. Feers is a native of Davenport, Iowa, and was born April 20, 1883. His parents are Albert and Allanette Cass (Gurney) Feers, the father having been born at Davenport and the mother at St. Louis, Missouri. They are now living in Davenport. Three children blessed their union: Albert G., our subject; Allanette E., at home; and Anna Irene, who is at home and is a student in the Davenport high school.

Albert G. Feers grew up under the parental roof and received his education in the public schools, remaining at home and assisting his parents until he reached his majority. He then learned the horseshoer's trade, at which he worked for several years, showing a proficiency that gave prophecy of his ability to pursue a more difficult calling. He was possessed of a laudable ambition to accomplish a worthy object in life and, having secured the necessary preliminary training, he entered the Chicago Veterinary College, from which he was graduated March 30, 1908, with the title of M. D. C. He was a close student in college and stood so high in his class that he was made house surgeon and continued in that capacity for one year after receiving his degree. He then returned to Davenport and since April 5, 1910, has engaged in practice at Wilton Junction. Having thoroughly prepared himself for his work, he has been highly successful and, although he has lived in Wilton Junction comparatively a short time, he has gained a reputation that extends over a wide region in Muscatine and adjacent counties.

In December, 1909, Dr. Feers was united in marriage to Miss Clara C. Burkhard, a native of Chicago, Illinois, and a daughter of John and Dorothea H.

(Kratzner) Burkhard, the former of whom was born in Kentucky and the latter in Germany. Four children blessed their union: Anna E., now the wife of August Moehring, of Chicago; Dorothea H., the wife of Ray Hirsch, of Chicago; John, also of Chicago; and Clara C., now Mrs. Feers. The father of these children is deceased but the mother is still living in Chicago.

Dr. Feers gives his support to the republican party but his attention is mainly devoted to his practice, which is steadily growing and makes heavy demands upon his time. Fraternally he is identified with Fraternal Lodge, No. 221, A. F. & A. M., at Davenport. His wife is a valued member of the Lutheran church. Dr. Feers belongs to that class of representative citizens who make friends wherever they are known and succeed in anything they undertake because they have the ability, inclination and education necessary to keep constantly on the well advanced line of progress. He has many friends whom he has attracted by his genial qualities.

J. N. REEVES.

Virginia, "the state of the presidents," has contributed generously of her sons and daughters in the upbuilding of the west and especially of the state of Iowa, to which many of the most promising young men and women have been attracted. Here they established for themselves a permanent home and the "Virginia colony" and descendants, if gathered together, would make an assemblage remarkable not only on account of its numbers but on account of the upright character and acknowledged high standing of its members.

J. N. Reeves of this review, now living at West Liberty, is a native of Virginia, born May 8, 1851, and a son of Nathan and Elizabeth (Rogers) Reeves both of whom passed their entire lives in that state. There were ten children in the family, seven of whom are now living.

J. N. Reeves remained under the parental roof until he arrived at maturity and as he grew up acquired a good education in the public schools. He began his business career as a teacher in Virginia and later went west to Missouri, where he continued teaching and also became a student of the Mound City Commercial College, St. Louis, from which he was graduated. Returning to his native state, he engaged in farming for ten years, but not finding conditions as favorable in the east as he had observed in the Mississippi valley, he once more turned his face westward and in 1884 came to Johnson county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm, which he cultivated for eight years. In 1892 he sold his place and bought land in Muscatine county, which he disposed of in 1898, when he moved to West Liberty and embarked in the wire and implement business, in which he has since continued. Being a man of friendly address and good business capacity, he has attracted a goodly patronage from a wide region about West Liberty and is at the head of one of the flourishing concerns of the city. He is the owner of the handsome residence in which he lives and has many friends not only in the immediate community but throughout the county.

In 1873 Mr. Reeves was united in marriage in Virginia to Miss Rebecca Berry, and five children have blessed their union: Olla R., the wife of Ora Andrew, of Kansas; Otho R., a farmer of Johnson county; Mary J., now Mrs. Henry Heiman, of Trenton, Missouri; Emma F., the wife of Ira S. Lambing, of Filer, Idaho; and Nina, a graduate of the West Liberty high school and now engaged in teaching school.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeves are members of the Presbyterian church and are well known in West Liberty on account of their genial manner. Mr. Reeves has seen not a little of the ups and downs of life and in the course of thirty or forty years in active business by his example he has been instrumental in encouraging many to look upon the bright side and take new hope. Politically he gives his support to the democartic party and, being an earnest friend of education, has served most acceptably for ten years as a member of the school board. He has never sought public office, believing that the honors gained by making a home for himself and family are greater than any that could be attained by engaging in the turmoil of political strife.

ROYAL E. BRISBINE, M. D.

The medical profession of Muscatine county is represented by many able practitioners who by conscientious attention to their calling have won the confidence of the public. Among the number may be named Dr. Royal E. Brisbane, for four years past in practice at Atalissa. Although young in the profession he has met with gratifying success and each year his services are in greater demand because of his knowledge and professional skill.

He was born in Cedar county, Iowa, August 11, 1880, a son of W. C. and Sarah J. (Beach) Brisbane, the former also a native of Cedar county and the latter of Canada. They were married in Minnesota and subsequently came to Cedar county, where the father engaged in farming until 1905, when he took up his residence at West Liberty, Iowa. One year later, however, he removed to Wyoming, and he and his wife are now living upon a ranch of twenty-three hundred acres, while he devotes his time quite successfully to cattle-raising. Four children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brisbane, namely: John, now deceased; Royal E., our subject; Andrew C., of Stewart, Minnesota; and Amanda M., the wife of John Wagner, of Wyoming.

Royal E. Brisbane received his preliminary education in the district schools of Cedar county and as he grew up gave indications of adaptation to a professional career. Accordingly he matriculated at the State University of Iowa and was graduated from the medical department of that institution June 14, 1906, with the degree of M. D. He at once located in Atalissa, where he has since been actively engaged in practice. Having thoroughly prepared for the duties of his profession he met with a friendly reception at the very outset and today his services are in demand throughout a wide region in this part of the state.

On the 16th day of April, 1908, Dr. Brisbine was united in marriage to Miss Laurretta M. Breese, a daughter of John R. and Mozelle (Kerr) Breese, the former a native of Wales and the latter of Johnson county, Iowa. The parents are now living at Iowa City, Iowa, Mrs. Brisbine being one of three children comprising their family. A daughter, Marian J., born February 14, 1910, has blessed the home of Dr. and Mrs. Brisbine.

Politically Dr. Brisbine gives his support to the republican party and fraternally he is quite prominent being a valued member of the blue lodge, No. 122, A. F. & A. M., at Atalissa and also of the Order of the Eastern Star; Mohassan Grotto, No. 22, M. O. V. P. E. R., of Davenport, Iowa; the Odd Fellows lodge of West Liberty; the Modern Woodmen of America; the Woodmen of the World; and the Royal Neighbors. He and his wife are affiliated with the Presbyterian church, in which he is a member of the board of trustees. A man of scholarly attainments and culture, the success of Dr. Brisbine is due to his gentlemanly address, thorough knowledge of his profession and a practical application of its principles in the art of healing. He is popular among his brother practitioners and has many friends in Muscatine county.

HENRY D. WINDLE.

Henry D. Windle, deceased, was one of the well known farmers of Moscow township, being a man of many noble characteristics that attracted friends and gained for him a permanent place in their regard. He was born in Ohio, January 8, 1842, and was a son of Michael and Margaret A. Windle, both natives of Germany. The parents came to America, seeking more favorable conditions than those presented in the long settled countries of Europe and after spending several years in Ohio came west to Muscatine county, Iowa, where they passed the remainder of their days. Michael Windle was an industrious and persevering man and became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Moscow township, where he and his wife reared a family of seven children.

Henry D. Windle was educated in the district schools and when not occupied with his books assisted in work about the home and in the fields. He showed a decided ability for agricultural pursuits and after arriving at years of maturity he took charge of the homestead, which he cultivated with excellent results, and gained a reputation as one of the most competent and successful farmers of the locality.

In 1895 Mr. Windle was united in marriage to Miss Katharine Roth, who was born in Germany in March, 1870, and came to America in 1893. Seven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Windle, namely: Clara A., now at home; Priscilla, deceased; Lucilla; Freda H.; William H.; George J., deceased; and Ada Margaret.

Mr. Windle and his wife happily traveled life's journey together until he was summoned from earthly scenes in October, 1908, since which time she has continued upon the farm, of which she still owns forty acres. The body of Mr.

Windle was interred in Wilton cemetery. He was a member of the Lutheran church—the church in which he was born and of which Mrs. Windle is also a member. He was a true friend, a kind husband and father and a worthy citizen who sought at all times to promote the best interests of his family and the neighborhood with which he was identified. His memory will long be cherished by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

FRED BIRKHOFFER.

The life of Fred Birkhofer presents a striking example of the beneficial effects of perseverance when under the direction of sound judgment. Coming to America in early manhood and obliged to depend entirely upon his own exertions, he acquired a competence and today is the owner of a valuable farm of three hundred and eighty-six acres in Moscow township, Muscatine county. He is a native of Switzerland, born October 16, 1861, his parents being John and Mary (Frudiger) Birkhofer, both of whom are still living in Switzerland. In their family were eleven children.

The subject of this review was educated in the public schools of his native land and as he grew up became familiar with work, as it was necessary for him to assist in the maintenance of the family. Ambitious to improve his condition, he came to America after attaining his majority and for one year worked on a farm in Muscatine county, Iowa. He then went to Crawford county, this state, where he worked for seven years, acquiring sufficient capital to purchase a farm of one hundred and twenty acres, upon which he lived for three years. However, he felt that Muscatine county offered more favorable conditions, and he sold his farm and purchased two hundred and thirty acres in Moscow township, where he has since made his home. He has also acquired one hundred and fifty-six acres in addition to his original purchase and, having made many improvements upon his place, he possesses one of the most desirable farms in the township. He makes a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs and as he has an extensive and practical knowledge of his calling, he accomplishes excellent results. Mr. Birkhofer is also president of the Moscow Cedar Telephone Company.

On the 22d of August, 1889, Mr. Birkhofer was united in marriage to Miss Mary Artz, who was born at Moscow, Iowa, February 7, 1862. She is a daughter of John and Anna (Moery) Artz, both of whom were born in Germany. Her parents came to America and located on a farm in Muscatine county, where the father died June 17, 1895, at the age of seventy-three years. The mother is still living and has reached the venerable age of eighty-two years. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Birkhofer seven children have been born, John H., Effa, Edward, Harry, Arthur, Elsie M. and Ethel, all of whom are living at home.

Mr. Birkhofer has since boyhood been controlled by a laudable ambition to excel in everything he has undertaken, and the well ordered appearance of his farm is evidence of his thoroughness as a farmer. He and his estimable wife were reared in the Lutheran faith but now affiliate with the Methodist church, of which they are earnest supporters. Mrs. Birkhofer is a woman of many ex-

cellent traits of mind and heart and has been not only a companion to her husband but a wise mother, rearing her children to lives of honor and usefulness. The family have many friends in Muscatine county. Politically Mr. Birkhofer is identified with the democratic party and is now serving most acceptably as township trustee and as a member of the school board.

FRED B. MAPES.

Fred B. Mapes, a prominent agriculturist of Muscatine county, is the owner of five hundred acres of valuable land in Pike township and in connection with his farming and stock-raising interests deals in furs on an extensive scale. His birth occurred in Michigan on the 1st of August, 1859, his parents being Hiram and Lucy (Scott) Mapes, who were natives of New York and Canada respectively. Their marriage took place near Montreal, Canada. The father, who was a carpenter and contractor by trade, followed that occupation until his enlistment for service in the Civil war. After his return from the army he settled in West Liberty, Iowa, here working at his trade until the time of his retirement about 1896. He then went to Florida but at the end of two years returned to this state, spending the remainder of his life in Nichols. When he passed away on the 26th of December, 1901, the community mourned the loss of one of its most respected and substantial citizens. His widow, who has attained the age of seventy-seven years, still makes her home in Nichols, where she has a host of warm friends. Their children were seven in number, as follows: Albert J.; Fred B., of this review; Jay M.; Nettie M., the wife of Frank Hummell; Louis M., who now resides in Florida; and Charles and Katie, who are deceased.

Fred B. Mapes remained under the parental roof until twenty years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. He was busily engaged in the cultivation of rented land for ten years and on the expiration of that period came into possession of a farm of his own, purchasing a tract of ninety acres. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he made additional purchase from time to time until his holdings now embrace five hundred acres of finely improved land in Pike township, two hundred and sixty acres thereof being under a high state of cultivation. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he makes a specialty of handling stock, which branch of his business adds materially to his income. He likewise deals in furs on an extensive scale, handling about fifty thousand dollars' worth of furs annually. Being a man of good business ability and sound judgment, he has met with success in all of his undertakings and well deserves recognition among the representative and prosperous citizens of his community.

On the 15th of December, 1878, Mr. Mapes was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Morris, who was born in Ireland on the 1st of January, 1856, and when a child was brought to America by her parents, James and Alice (Shields) Morris, natives of the Emerald isle. After crossing the Atlantic they resided in



MR. AND MRS. F. B. MAPES

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for two years, at the end of which time they came to Muscatine, Iowa, Mr. Morris here working by the day for a period of two years. He then turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, cultivating rented land for ten years, on the expiration of which period he purchased a tract of ninety acres in Pike township. To the further cultivation and improvement of that farm he devoted his time and energies until called to his final rest on the 29th of August, 1877. Unto him and his wife, who passed away in 1862, were born five children, namely: Mrs. Mapes; Ella F., the wife of John Collopy, of Omaha, Nebraska; Alice M., who is the wife of A. Jacobberger and likewise resides in Omaha, Nebraska; Dennis, who died when forty-five years of age; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Mapes are the parents of eight children, as follows: Alice, who is deceased; Lucy E., twin sister of Alice, who is the wife of John Kershner, of Portland, Oregon; Nellie F., who taught school for six years before becoming the wife of John Nugent, of Nichols, Iowa; Joseph D. and Fred M., still under the parental roof, both of whom are qualified to follow the teacher's profession; Arthur S. and William F., also at home, who have a common school education; and Mary A., who is attending school. The mother of these children is a high school graduate and taught school for ten years prior to her marriage.

Mr. Mapes is a democrat in politics and has ably served in the capacity of township trustee for six years. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Nichols, Iowa, and also the Modern Brotherhood of America. Mrs. Mapes is a faithful communicant of the Catholic church, to which their children also belong. Wherever known he is highly esteemed and both he and his wife have an extensive circle of friends in Muscatine county.

JOHN B. VANHORN.

John B. Vanhorn, cashier of the Atalissa Savings Bank at Atalissa, Muscatine county, is a native son of Iowa and, although quite a young man, has shown a capacity for business which is a good prophecy of a successful career. He was born in Louisa county, July 17, 1886, and is a son of Jesse and Eugenia V. (Smith) Vanhorn. The father is also a native of Louisa county and the mother of Muscatine county. They are now living upon the old homestead. A family of seven children came to bless their union: Pearl E., the wife of Erle B. Turkle, of Atalissa; John B., our subject; Carl H., at home; Jessie L., now the wife of Don Hargrave, of Muscatine county; Ernest R. and Erma M., twins, at home; and Wilma, deceased.

John B. Vanhorn grew up under the favoring influences of loving parents and received his preliminary education in the public schools, graduating from the Atalissa high school. Receiving a certificate as a teacher, he taught for six months but, being attracted to a business career, he accepted a position as clerk in the Atalissa Savings Bank, which he held for eighteen months. Having shown special inclination and ability in financial affairs, he was made assistant cashier of

and since June 1, 1910, has filled the position of cashier of the bank. By the exercise of sound judgment and commendable enterprise he has greatly extended the sphere of the bank's influence, so that it is at the present time one of the highly flourishing institutions of this section.

On the 3d of May, 1905, Mr. Vanhorn was united in marriage to Miss Nora N. Lamb, who was born at Atalissa, January 13, 1888, and is a daughter of E. S. and Louise (Stucker) Lamb, the father being a native of Ohio and the mother of Pennsylvania. Her parents are now living at Atalissa. Mrs. Vanhorn taught school for two and one-half years before her marriage and is a lady of many fine accomplishments. By her marriage she has become the mother of a daughter, Dorothy M., born September 9, 1906.

Mr. Vanhorn is a member of Ionic Lodge, No. 122, A. F. & A. M., of Atalissa, and is secretary of this organization. He and his wife are both identified with the Order of the Eastern Star. They occupy a handsome residence and are prominently identified with the social interests of Atalissa and vicinity. Mr. Vanhorn is a man of genial manner and has many friends not only among the patrons of the bank but throughout a wide region in Muscatine county.

ROBERT W. BROOKE.

A man of well balanced judgment and also of thrifty and industrious habits, Robert W. Brooke, of Goshen township, finds himself in possession of a highly productive farm which he acquired through his individual efforts. He is fully entitled to the respect in which he is held by his neighbors and his example of application and perseverance has been of marked benefit to many who need encouragement in their efforts to attain a competency.

Born at West Liberty, October 5, 1866, he is a son of Thomas and Clara (Ingham) Brooke, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Ohio. They were married in West Liberty and for twenty years the father followed the butcher business in this place, afterwards selling out and engaging in the creamery business at Oxford for several years. He passed away March 23, 1892. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Brooke, namely: Charles E., who is married and is now a contractor at West Liberty; Mame, the wife of Albert Ellison, of Citronelle, Alabama; and Robert W., of this review. The mother of these children having passed away December 29, 1866, the father was married in 1870 to Miss Millie Cook, of Muscatine county, who died in 1873, and of this marriage two children were born: Edward, who died in infancy; and Millie, now the wife of Theodore Hoover, of London, England.

Robert W. Brooke was given the advantages of a common-school education and also of a commercial course and, making good use of his opportunities, was at fifteen years of age ready to begin his battle with the world. He worked for wages on various farms for seven years and was then associated with his father in the creamery business for three years. However, he was attracted to agriculture as an occupation more congenial to his taste and at the age of twenty-five he began renting land and nine years later purchased eighty acres, since which

time he has owned four different farms and is now living on the place on section 8, Goshen township, which he bought in 1908, being the owner of one of the most highly improved properties in the neighborhood, the farm comprising one hundred and twenty acres, all of which is under an excellent state of cultivation. He is a successful raiser and feeder of stock and also cultivates the land to good advantage.

On the 14th of December, 1892, Mr. Brooke was united in marriage to Miss Ida Schenck, who was born in Muscatine county, September 8, 1867, a daughter of James F. and Maria (Bell) Schenck. Her father was born in Ohio and her mother in Kentucky. They were married in Iowa and Mr. Schenck followed farming in Muscatine county until 1885, when he retired, passing away in 1900. The mother makes her home with one of her daughters and is now seventy-two years of age. There were eight children in the family, namely: John B., now living on the old homestead in Muscatine county; Phoebe, the wife of Joe Bowman, of Cedar county, Iowa; Charles, of Muscatine; Mary B., the widow of W. C. Crozer; Ida, now Mrs. Robert W. Brooke; Elizabeth, the wife of Allen Hemingway, of Cedar county; James, of Davenport, Iowa; and William, who died at the age of twenty years. Mr. and Mrs. Brooke had four children, three of whom are now living: Thomas F., born May 2, 1894, now a student in the high school; Robert W., born January 29, 1896; and Clare I., born November 22, 1900.

Mr. Brooke is a man of practical ideas as is demonstrated by his success in business affairs. He has marked force of character and starts upon an enterprise only after carefully considering all its advantages and disadvantages, and he generally wins in what he undertakes. He has been especially successful in developing farms, increasing their productiveness until they command a fair price. He is genial and pleasing in manner and in business affairs always aims to be just and true. Politically he gives his support to the republican party and religiously he and his wife are identified with the Presbyterian church.

JOHN C. HARPER.

Among the natives of Muscatine county who have spent their entire lives upon the home farm and have successfully followed the business of their father is John C. Harper, of Lake township. He was born September 23, 1870, and is a son of William and Mary (Murphy) Harper, both of whom were born in Ireland. The father came to Muscatine in the pioneer period, arriving at a time when there were only a few log houses upon the spot now occupied by the city. He farmed in several localities of the county, finally settling in Lake township, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1898. The mother was called away in 1902. Eleven children constituted their family: Martha and Mary, twins, both of whom are deceased; Maggie, the widow of H. N. Ensfield, now living in California; Nellie, the wife of George Malone, of Muscatine; Frank, of Hills, Iowa; William, of Lake township, Muscatine county; Robert D., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Josie, the

wife of Joseph Zybarth, of Nichols, Iowa; John C., our subject; James, who died in 1896; and C. S., a record of whom may also be found in this work.

John C. Harper was reared under the kindly influences of a happy home and educated in the district schools of Muscatine county. After arriving at years of manhood, having shown a strong inclination for farming, he rented the old homestead which he cultivated for ten years and then purchased the farm, embracing one hundred and seventy-nine acres on section 15, Lake township, being in one of the richest agricultural districts of the county. He is a general farmer and has applied himself with a diligence that produces good harvests and has insured for himself and family a life competence.

In 1903 Mr. Harper was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Huber, of Muscatine county, a daughter of Joseph and Emma (Lucas) Huber, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Ohio. They have been residents of Muscatine county for many years and are now living on the farm with which they have long been identified. They were the parents of eleven children. One daughter, Mary Margaret, born October 23, 1906, has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harper.

Mr. Harper gives his adherence to the democratic party, as he believes by so doing he is advancing the interests of the entire country. He has never sought political office, as his attention has been given to his family and his farm. He and his wife are worthy members of the Catholic church and assist to the extent of their ability in advancing its welfare. In his wife Mr. Harper has found a loving companion who has been to him a constant encouragement in the accomplishment of every worthy object.

CHARLES J. HUCKE.

A representative of the younger element in the farming community, Charles J. Huckle, of Muscatine county, has attained a position in comparatively a short time that under ordinary circumstances requires many years of untiring labor. He possessed unusual advantages of education and training in his early years, and having a natural adaptability for agricultural pursuits, he found in his work a pleasure as well as a steadily increasing source of revenue.

Born in Muscatine county November 22, 1884, he is a son of Henry and Annie (Globes) Huckle, both natives of Germany. The parents came to America in 1853, locating in Muscatine county, Iowa, where the father rented the old Hunt farm for about five years. Meeting with success, he then purchased eighty acres in Moscow township, to which he has added from time to time until he is now the owner of six hundred and twenty acres, and is known as one of the most prosperous farmers in his part of the county. Of his family of seven children, six are now living, namely: Henry T., of Bloomington township; Anna, now Mrs. Theodore Schuessler, also of Bloomington township; Emma, now Mrs. William Freymuth, of the same township; Charles J., our subject; Lena, the wife of George Duffy, of Muscatine county; and Rosa, now living at home.

Charles J. Hucke was reared under the paternal roof and carefully instructed by his father in all details pertaining to farm work. He gained his preliminary education in the district school and, showing a capacity for literature which warranted an extension of his educational facilities, he entered the Wilton Junction College and there continued for two years. He was a good student and gained a solid foundation upon which he has since built by reading and observation. After arriving at manhood he purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land in Goshen township, where he has since conducted general farming and stock-raising with highly satisfactory results.

On the 25th of August, 1909, Mr. Hucke was united in marriage to Miss Clara Lake, who was born December 13, 1887, and is a daughter of P. B. and Amy (Scott) Lake. There were six children in the family to which she belonged, the others being: Clarence, of Muscatine county; Lillie and Albert, both at home; Mary, deceased in infancy; and Norton, also at home. The father of this family is a native of Iowa and the mother of Pennsylvania. She came to Iowa at the age of seven years. Mr. and Mrs. Hucke have a little son, Raymond Carl, born November 5, 1910.

Mr. Hucke casts his ballot in support of the democratic party, believing that its principles best represent the ideals of popular government. In religious faith he is affiliated with the German Lutheran church and gives it his undivided support. Having been familiar with agriculture and stock-raising from his earliest youth, he gained a practical knowledge and was, therefore, prepared at the very beginning of his business career to handle the various problems that arise according to present day methods. He may today be regarded as one of the highly favored men of Muscatine county.

R. M. STILES.

R. M. Stiles, who is one of the respected citizens of Atalissa, was born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, October 24, 1846, a son of Josiah and Beulah (Albertson) Stiles. The father and mother were also born in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, and lived there all their lives. There were nine children in the family: Almira, the wife of J. L. C. Klein, of Benton, Pennsylvania; R. M., our subject; R. B., a traveling salesman residing in Des Moines, Iowa; J. W., a policeman of Des Moines; Elizabeth, the widow of George Cole, of Benton, Pennsylvania; Emma, the wife of George Keckler of Shamokin, Pennsylvania; Robert; one who died in infancy; and Hiram, of Westport, Pennsylvania.

R. M. Stiles received his education in a log schoolhouse in the Keystone state and grew up on the home farm. There he continued until twenty-one years of age, when he began working for neighboring farmers. In 1870, being then twenty-four years of age, he decided to seek his fortune in the west and came to Muscatine county, Iowa, taking up his abode in Atalissa. He worked at the carpenter's trade in this town for twelve years and also did some contracting. He then located upon a farm in Goshen township, this county, which he cultivated for twenty-six years with a diligence that yielded quite satisfactory re-

turns. In 1908 he returned to Atalissa, where he now maintains a wagon-making and general repair shop. He is the owner of a fine business building in Atalissa, a commodious residence and a block of ground, being recognized as one of the prosperous citizens of the community.

In 1870 Mr. Stiles was united in marriage to Miss Alice Fullmer, a native of Pennsylvania, who was the only child of John W. Fullmer by his first wife, though he had five children by a later marriage, four of whom are still living. Mr. Fullmer was also born in the Keystone state. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Stiles are: W. A., now living on a farm in Wapsinonoc township, near West Liberty, Iowa; H. B., a farmer who lives near Atalissa; Edna, who is at the head of the household affairs at home; and Claude, in partnership with his father. The beloved mother of these children departed this life in 1907, and her remains were interred in the cemetery at West Liberty, Iowa.

Mr. Stiles is an adherent of the republican party and although he has not sought public office, has most acceptably filled the position of school director. He has been a resident of Muscatine county for forty years, during a large part of which time he was identified with farming interests. He has applied himself diligently and now enjoys the rewards of many years of conscientious labor. At the same time he possesses the respect of his neighbors and friends and today no man in the locality has in a higher degree the unreserved confidence of the community.

CHARLES WRIGHT.

Charles Wright, who for three years past has been the owner of a valuable farm in Goshen township and also is recognized as one of the industrious and enterprising citizens of Muscatine county, was born in Cedar county, Iowa, August 28, 1860. He is the son of David and Hannah A. (Ford) Wright, the former of whom was born in New Jersey, May 2, 1821, and the latter in Ohio in 1830. They were married in Ohio in 1851 and came west four years later, locating in Cedar county, Iowa, where Mr. Wright purchased a farm which he cultivated until his retirement to Wilton in 1877. He departed this life March 18, 1907, being then eighty-six years of age, the mother having been called away in 1896. Of this union six children were born, namely: Elizabeth, the wife of E. Hall of Kansas; George J., of Kellogg, Iowa; David, of Tipton, Iowa; Charles, the subject of this review; Mary, the wife of Theodore Kistenmacher, of Davenport, Iowa; and Lincoln, of Wilton, Iowa.

Charles Wright was reared under the parental roof and began farming on his own account when twenty-one years of age, renting land which he cultivated to good advantage and acquiring sufficient capital to invest in property in his own name. He now owns a farm of sixty-three acres which is located on sections 13 and 14, Goshen township, it being one of the most productive places of its size in the township. He carries on general farming and is recognized as a thoroughly efficient man who keeps well posted as to methods and markets and generally succeeds in securing a fair price for what he has to sell.

In 1886 Mr. Wright was united in marriage to Miss Lucy McCroskey, who was born in Cedar county, June 22, 1869, a daughter of David and Sarah (Gay) McCroskey. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in Virginia. They were married in Iowa and Mr. McCroskey is still living upon the home farm in Cedar county, being now sixty-nine years of age. His wife passed away in 1888. Of the five children born to Mr. and Mrs. McCroskey, three are now living: William, a farmer of Cedar county; Lucy, now the wife of Charles Wright; and George, also engaged in farming in Cedar county. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Wright has been brightened by the arrival of two children: Zola L., who was born September 16, 1887, and is now the wife of Frank Oepping, of Muscatine county; and Myril, who was born September 6, 1891, and is living at home.

Mr. Wright politically is identified with the republican party and gives to its candidates his earnest support, having a firm faith in the ability of the party to carry the country through any troubles that may arise. He attends closely to his farming and has attained a measure of prosperity which is proof of laudable ambition and wisely directed effort.

SYLVANUS G. VAN ZANDT.

Sylvanus G. Van Zandt, who owns a beautiful farm of four hundred and forty acres in Lake township, Muscatine county, which he acquired through his own industry and good judgment, was born in Baltimore, New York, June 5, 1852, a son of Joseph and Mary (Shurrager) Van Zandt. The father and mother were both natives of New York state, the latter having been born in Columbia county. Joseph Van Zandt, the grandfather, who was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, was a quarryman and lost his left arm by a premature blast in a quarry at Baltimore. The great-grandfather was a native of Holland and his wife of Germany. The father of our subject was a man of great muscular strength. In his day wrestling matches were quite common and it is said that he was never thrown on his back nor was he ever outlifted by another man. Being a man of high principles, he once struck another man who offered him twenty-five dollars for his vote. Our subject is heir to a part of the Anna K. Jans estate. The mother came of the same ancestry as the father. There were thirteen children in the family, four of whom are now living: Sylvanus G., our subject; and Frank, Robert and Malinda, all of New York state.

The subject of this review was educated in the common schools of New York and after reaching manhood became mate of a barge on the Hudson river. In 1877, just before starting for the west, he was offered the position of pilot at a salary of one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month, but he refused as he had decided to seek his fortune elsewhere. He came to Benton county, Iowa, and a year later, while visiting in Muscatine, entered the employ of Colonel Kincade, upon whose farm he continued for five years. He then ran a threshing machine on his own account and, having married, rented land and in 1893 located upon the farm which he now occupies. Here he has made all

the improvements, including the dwelling, barns, outbuildings, fences, drainage and planting of shade and ornamental trees, and his farm has become one of the most valuable and productive in the township. He is an extensive stock-raiser and feeder and also owns a fine herd of pure-bred Hereford cattle and some good graded horses. He has used good judgment in his affairs and is one of the well-to-do citizens of the county.

In 1882 Mr. Van Zandt was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Lawler, a native of Muscatine county and a daughter of James and Mary (Lynch) Lawler. The father was born in Ireland and came to the United States in 1845, spending three years in Ohio, after which he located in Muscatine county. He was a contractor and grader and assisted in building the levee on Muscatine island. In 1862 he moved to Lake township, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1876, his remains being interred in Seventy-six cemetery. The mother was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland, and was married there. She was called from earthly scenes in 1900. There were eleven children in the family, five of whom are now living: Liza, the wife of James Dunphy, of Atchison, Kansas; James and Peter, both of Muscatine; Rebecca, the wife of Charles Bennett of Muscatine; and Maggie, now Mrs. Van Zandt. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Van Zandt: Sylvester, Sylvanus, Margaret, Mary, Anna, Melvina, Ralph, Clara, Leonard, Allen and Edmond, all of whom are living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Zandt are both members of the Dutch Reformed church and active workers in that organization. Politically Mr. Van Zandt is in sympathy with the democratic party. He served as justice of the peace of his township for five years and as trustee for two terms, also filling the office of school director for several years. He owes no small part of his success to the co-operation of his wife, who has been to him a loving helpmeet and to her children a true mother. The family home is a center of good-will and hospitality and the younger generation is here taught those lessons of helpfulness and forbearance so necessary in every truly happy life. Mr. Van Zandt does not regret that he cast his lot in Muscatine county, for here he has found what many seek in vain—friends, prosperity and happiness.

JOHN J. HEALEY.

To John J. Healey farming has been the key that unlocked the door to fortune and today he is the owner of one of the most beautiful and productive places of Muscatine county. He was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, December 28, 1856, son of Michael and Bridget (McAcy) Healey. The parents were both natives of County Kilkenny, Ireland, and were married on the Emerald isle, coming to America in 1847. The father worked for twelve years as moulder foreman for Hastetter & Smith of Pittsburg, and then, his health having failed, he came to Iowa. After a short stay in this state he returned to Pennsylvania, and in 1858 once more came west and settled on a farm of one hundred acres in Moscow township, Muscatine county. Subsequently, he pur-



JOHN J. HEALEY AND FAMILY



RESIDENCE OF JOHN J. HEALEY

chased one hundred and sixty acres near Muscatine and continued adding to his holdings until he became the owner of sixteen hundred acres of good land in Muscatine county and also of valuable property in the city of Muscatine. He was a man of remarkable business talent and gained a position as one of the leading citizens of the county. He made several trips to Europe, taking his daughter with him on one of them. He departed this life March 12, 1896, at the age of seventy-three years, and his wife died August 25, 1883, at the age of fifty-eight years. They were both members of the Catholic church and by their upright lives proved the sincerity of their faith. They were laid side by side in St. Mary's cemetery at Muscatine.

There were twelve children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Healey, two of whom died in infancy, the other members being: Thomas, who died at the age of forty-two years from the effect of a rattlesnake bite three years after he had been bitten, and left a family of nine children; Frank, who was married and died at the age of thirty-five years from the effect of a railway accident at the foot of Iowa avenue, Muscatine; Edward, who was educated at St. Mary's College, Kansas, and died from apoplexy at the age of thirty-eight years, January 3, 1906; Anna M., the widow of John Spellman, of Adair county, Iowa, and the mother of three sons and one daughter, the family owning seven hundred acres of land; Catherine, who entered the convent at Dubuque and is now at Elgin, Illinois; Andrew, who is a widower and has nine children; James, a farmer of Muscatine county, who is married and has six children; John J., the subject of this review; William C., now living on a farm in Lake township; and Clara, of Muscatine.

John J. Healey came with his parents to Iowa in infancy and was educated in the public schools, being reared in a large family, each of whom was expected to perform his part in the work about the house and in the fields. He remained at home until twenty-three years of age and then began farming on his own account on land owned by his father, continuing thus for twenty-seven years. In 1907 he removed to a place of five hundred and six acres, comprising the R. T. Shannon farm and the Umscheid farm, and he also owned one hundred and sixty acres in Wilton township. He is the owner in all of six hundred and sixty-six acres, upon which he has made many improvements, the farm being known as the Linwood farm and is recognized as one of the model places in the county, being provided with a handsome residence, large barns and every modern facility for carrying on agriculture and stock-raising according to up-to-date methods. Mr. Healey has been very successful as a hog feeder, being one of the largest in the county, and he also feeds cattle for the market.

On the 4th of April, 1883, he was united in marriage to Miss Agnes E. Byrne, who was born in Muscatine county, July 5, 1861, a daughter of James and Mary A. (Byrne) Byrne. They were both natives of Ireland and came to this country with their parents, who located in Seventy-six township, Muscatine county, in 1848, and were the first settlers in the township. Mr. and Mrs. Byrne lived in this county after their marriage until 1868, when they removed to a farm on Muscatine island in Louisa county. The father died from typhoid fever in 1869, and the mother conducted the farm until she passed away October 18, 1896, her death being occasioned by a runaway accident. There

were ten children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Byrne, namely: John, who died in infancy; Peter J., who died in Colorado at the age of fifty-two years; Hemma, who died in the convent in California at the age of forty-eight years; Mary M., who entered a convent and is now at Hudson, New York; Frank, of Denver, Colorado, who is married and has two daughters; Agnes E., now Mrs. John J. Healey; Urban P., of Muscatine; Matthew A., of Muscatine, who is married and has four children; Katharine M., a teacher in the public schools of St. Louis; and Julia A., also a teacher in the public schools of St. Louis.

Six children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Healey: Mary R., now the wife of John L. Brugman of Muscatine county; Alberta F., a graduate of St. Agatha Academy, who has taught school for five years and is now living at home; Cyril J., who spent three years as a student at St. Ambrose College at Davenport and is now at home; Clement U., twenty years of age, who also attended St. Ambrose College; Helen Agatha, a student in the academy at Lyons, Iowa; and Leo John, now six years of age. Mrs. Healey was educated in the public schools and previous to her marriage taught for three years in Muscatine and Louisa counties.

Mr. Healey has devoted his attention principally to his family and to his private business. He has had little time to give to politics, but votes with the democratic party. Socially he is greatly esteemed as a man of genial and friendly qualities, who readily attracts others. In religious belief he is identified with the Catholic church. On account of his unsullied character and his splendid business ability he has exercised a constantly growing influence for good in the community, and no man stands higher in the respect of those who know him than the gentleman whose name introduces this sketch.

ELLIS D. SMITH.

Through the years of an active business life Ellis D. Smith has demonstrated his ability as a man of affairs and his worth as a citizen and today he occupies an enviable position as one of the substantial men of Muscatine county. The success he has attained is a striking example of the effect of an energetic life governed by worthy ambition. He was born in Meigs county, Ohio, April 12, 1851, a son of John S. and Rachel (Beeson) Smith. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and removed with his parents to Ohio when a boy and thence to Indiana. He came to Iowa in 1854 and for twenty-seven years cultivated a farm near Centerdale, Cedar county. In 1881 he retired to West Liberty, where he lived until his death, which occurred in 1892. The mother passed away when the subject of this review was in his infancy. The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, namely: Richard B. and John, both of California; Anna B., now of Iowa City; Mary, of Mediapolis, Iowa; and Ellis D., the subject of this review.

Educated in the district schools of Cedar county, Ellis D. Smith remained at the parental home until he arrived at the age of twenty-four years, assisting his father and becoming thoroughly acquainted with all the work pertaining to

agriculture and stock-raising. He began on his own account upon a farm four miles north of West Liberty and continued there for twenty-seven years, devoting his attention on quite an extensive scale to stock-feeding. Nine years ago he sold his place and moved to West Liberty, where he has since resided. He is the owner of eight hundred acres of land in Canada, at one time being in possession of six sections in that country. He also owns a handsome residence and a feed store in West Liberty.

In 1876 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Emmeline Fenstemaker and to them two children were born: Maude L., a graduate of the State University at Iowa City, and now engaged in teaching school; and Harold J., who married Miss Hazel Henderson and is engaged in the automobile business at West Liberty.

Mr. Smith from the time of reaching manhood has given his support to the republican party and sincerely believes that its principles are better adapted than those of any other party to advance the true interests of the state and nation. He is an earnest friend of education and while living on his farm served as secretary, treasurer and president of the school board at various times. Fraternally he is identified with the Masonic lodge at West Liberty and in religious belief he and his wife give their adherence to the Unitarian church. Of him it may truly be said that he has achieved success through honorable means, never seeking to advance his personal interests to the injury of others. He has been intimately connected with the development of Muscatine county and many with whom he has come in contact will always have reason to remember him with gratitude.

L. C. HEALY.

A native of Moscow township, L. C. Healy has spent his entire life amidst scenes familiar to his childhood and is now one of the successful farmers of the township. His eyes first opened to the light of day on a farm, August 7, 1860, his parents being Chester and Elizabeth (Conant) Healy, both natives of Massachusetts. The father came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in the early '40s with his parents and here the grandfather entered land, his home being a log cabin which was covered, according to pioneer style, with a clapboard roof and provided with a puncheon floor. In this humble dwelling the family set up house-keeping and it was several years before a more commodious home was provided. The original buildings, erected by hands that years ago ceased from earthly labors, are still standing. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Healy have passed to their reward, the mother departing in 1866. There were five children in their family, namely: Albert F., deceased; L. C.; Abbie C., deceased; Jennie E., who now makes her home with the subject of this sketch; and George A., of Cedar county, Iowa.

L. C. Healy grew up under the strengthening influences of a home in the country where he found employment when not at school in attending to chores about the house and assisting his father upon the farm. After reaching ma-

turity he rented land on his own account for three years and then for ten years cultivated part of the old homestead, which came into his possession after the death of his parents. Having converted his property into money, he purchased one hundred and twenty-four acres in Moscow township where he now lives, and to which he has since added sixteen acres. Being a man of persistent industry, he has attained marked success in his calling. He makes a specialty of feeding hogs, of which he delivers a goodly portion to the market every year. In the locality where he lives he has been a witness of the marvelous changes by which the wilderness has been transformed into beautiful farms, the region once the abode of wild animals and roaming Indians now being dotted with thriving villages. He has the satisfaction of knowing that he has contributed his share in producing the present happy condition.

Upon becoming a voting citizen Mr. Healy identified himself with the republican party and he has never seen a reason for changing his political affiliation. He has not been an aspirant for public office, preferring to devote his attention to his farming interests. A representative citizen, energetic, capable and reliable and at the same time public-spirited, Mr. Healy is a worthy member of a pioneer family, who crossed the Mississippi river and assisted in laying the foundation of one of the most flourishing commonwealths of the Union.

WILLIAM BEITZ.

William Beitz, who is the owner of a well improved farm in Lake township, started out in life with a laudable ambition and by many years of application his hopes have been realized. He was born in Muscatine county, December 9, 1860, and is a son of Charles and Hannah Beitz, both of whom were born in Germany. The parents came to America in 1835 and located in Muscatine county, Iowa, where the mother departed this life in 1869 and the father in 1901. Of their union seven children were born, three of whom are now living: William, our subject; Mary, the wife of Charles Wagner of Carroll county, Iowa; and Anna, now Mrs. Henry Wagner, of Carroll county.

William Beitz was reared upon the home farm and educated in the district schools. Even as a boy he was ambitious of advancement and on arriving at the age of nineteen years he began renting a farm in Carroll county, Iowa, which belonged to his father. After three years he returned to Muscatine and entered the employ of the Hershey Lumber Company. The occupation not being entirely to his taste, he chopped wood one winter and then worked on a farm for two years, later spending one year in a dairy and one year in the employ of Fred Woods. At the age of twenty-nine he married, and for one year was identified with Hershey's sawmill, after which he became connected with the Musser Lumber Company, continuing with that organization for seventeen years, in the course of which he practiced economy and accumulated capital so that he was able to purchase eighty acres of land. After cultivating his farm for three years, he disposed of it and bought the place where he now lives, com-

prising one hundred and twenty acres, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation and which yields a handsome income.

On April 3, 1889, Mr. Beitz was united in marriage to Miss Anna Geertz, who was born in Muscatine county, August 18, 1868, and is a daughter of Adolph and Sophia Geertz, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Beitz: Emma, Mabel and Elmer, all of whom are at home.

Politically Mr. Beitz is identified with the republican party. He has never sought public office as his attention has been mainly taken up with his farm and his family. Fraternally he is connected with the Ancient Order of United Workmen at Muscatine and is also a member of the Mechanics Lodge, having many friends in these organizations and in the county of his birth. He is known as an industrious and thoroughly reliable man, whose word is as good as his bond and whose assistance may always be depended upon in forwarding any worthy undertaking.

GEORGE WEISS.

The difficulties to be overcome by foreign born citizens in America are little understood by persons born and reared under the stars and stripes. Tens of thousands of young men have come to America from Germany and other European countries having no knowledge of the English language or the customs of the people. They find themselves among strangers and very often their resources are exhausted by the expenses of the trip and they are thrown upon their indomitable qualities of grit and perseverance to win a daily subsistence. That they survive the ordeal is astonishing, but much more astonishing is the remarkable success many of them attain in the face of the greatest obstacles.

George Weiss, a well known and highly respected farmer of Muscatine county, who died July 8, 1910, was one of the sturdy characters who permitted himself to be daunted by no difficulty. He apparently could have won his fortune anywhere. Born in Germany, October 20, 1827, he was the son of Phillip and Barbara (Muendle) Weiss. The parents were also natives of Germany and came to America in 1848. The father died in St. Louis shortly after arriving in this country. Other members of the family moved to Rock Island county, Illinois, and located upon a farm. The mother passed away in 1858. Eight children constituted their family, namely: Michael, George, Barbara, John, Margaret, Christian, Gottlieb and Catherine.

George Weiss was educated in his native land and at twenty years of age came to America, but after spending one year in this country he returned to the fatherland and brought his parents to the United States. At the age of twenty-six years, having married, he began farming on his own account near Edgington, Illinois, where he continued successfully until 1876, when he sold his farm and removed to section 22, Goshen township, Muscatine county, Iowa, resuming the pursuits of agriculture and stock-raising with such good results that he acquired four hundred acres of land, which he greatly improved, making his place one of the most valuable in the township.

On the 25th of April, 1854, Mr. Weiss was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Fuhr, who was born at Buffalo, New York, and to them were born: Mary, who became the wife of N. Spilger, of Muscatine county, and died in 1884 at the age of twenty-nine years; Catherine, the wife of George Stemm, of Lone Tree, Iowa; Margaret, of Muscatine county; Phillip, a farmer of Muscatine county; Louisa; John, who assists in operating the home farm; Clara; Emma; Christian, who is married and lives near Muscatine; Valentine, who died in infancy; Lydia; and Barbara, now the wife of Carl Timm of Muscatine county. John, Louisa, Clara, Emma and Lydia are living at home.

The head of a large and intelligent family, Mr. Weiss set a worthy example of industry and integrity and gained recognition as one of the most valued members of the community. In politics he supported men rather than parties, preferring to vote independently. He was brave and resolute, and as a citizen ever attempted to perform his entire duty. Mrs. Weiss still continues at the old homestead and is greatly loved by her children and respected by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. In religious belief she adheres to the German Lutheran church, of which her husband was also a member.

W. L. SIMPSON.

Lake township can claim many progressive citizens and in the list should be named W. L. Simpson, who makes a specialty of stock-raising and has gained a fine reputation in that line. He is a native of the township where he now lives and was born October 23, 1861, a son of W. H. and Helen C. (Whetmore) Simpson. The parents were both born in Connecticut and came to Muscatine about 1855, where they lived for one year, then locating on a farm in Lake township, and here they have ever since made their home. Throughout life the father has been a man of energy and ability and secured a commendable degree of success as a farmer. Four children were in his family: Adella, now the wife of P. W. Miller, of Ringgold county, Iowa; Sarah, the wife of J. J. Bisher, of Union county, this state; W. L., our subject; and Lottie, now Mrs. David Legler, of Muscatine.

W. L. Simpson was educated in the district schools and reared on the home farm, where he assisted his father, showing an aptitude for farming that gave bright promise for his future. After reaching manhood he desired to see more of the world and accordingly went to Kansas, where he remained for three years. Returning to Muscatine county, he rented a farm on his own account until 1906 and then purchased eighty acres on section 21, Lake township, which he has ever since been improving and which gives evidence of becoming one of the valuable landed properties of the township. In addition to cultivating cereals, he raises live stock and is shipping regularly each season to the market.

On October 4, 1888, Mr. Simpson was united in marriage to Miss Cora L. Kerr, who was born in Muscatine county, August 28, 1867, and is a daughter of Jesse W. and Lydia A. (McGrew) Kerr, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Muscatine county, Iowa. Mr. Kerr died December 22,

1907, and Mrs. Kerr is now living in this county. Mrs. Simpson received a good common-school education and at the time of her marriage was engaged in dressmaking. She has one sister, Maud S., who is the wife of John Gertenbach, of Muscatine county. Five children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Simpson: Uta Fay, at home; Royle W.; Helen Ann; Jesse W., who was born December 31, 1896, and departed this life November 11, 1898; and Leslie Kerr.

Mr. Simpson has been for thirty years closely identified with farming interests, to which he has devoted his best energies. He is independent and progressive and the respect in which he is held by his neighbors and friends is proof of his sterling qualities. Politically he is allied with the republican party, believing that by so doing he can best assist in advancing the cause of good government in the county, state and nation. He is a staunch believer in the authority of the Bible and is a valued member of the United Brethren church, to which he is a liberal contributor.

JESSE VANHORN.

The owner of a valuable farm and one of the highly respected citizens of Goshen township, Jesse Vanhorn has no cause to regret that he cast his lot in Muscatine county. He is a native of Louisa county, Iowa, born February 10, 1853, and is a son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Bender) Vanhorn, the father having been born in Ohio and the mother in Pennsylvania. They were married in the Buckeye state and in 1846 came to Louisa county, Iowa, where the father entered government land, becoming one of the well known farmers of the county. He was an industrious and enterprising man of good business ability and at one time was the owner of four hundred and eighty acres. He passed away in 1886, having been a resident of Iowa for forty years. The mother remained upon the home place for several years and then lived with her children, continuing with them until 1901, when she was called to her reward. There were twelve children in the family, of whom five are deceased: John B., Sidney A., George, Sarah and Priscilla. Those living are: James, of Texas; Susan Jane, wife of H. King, of Parsons, Kansas; Louisa, wife of Newell Paulin, also of Parsons, Kansas; William, of Morehead, Iowa; T. J., of Parsons, Kansas; Jesse, the subject of this review; and Mary, now Mrs. Joseph Lumbeck, of Parsons, Kansas.

Jesse Vanhorn was educated in the district schools and assisted his father until twenty-one years of age, when he rented the homestead upon which he continued for twenty-five years. In 1899 he moved to a farm in Goshen township, which he purchased in 1904, and he is now the owner of one hundred and forty acres of land, all of which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He has also made many improvements in buildings, fences, drainage, etc., and has one of the most desirable places of the size in the township. He is an admirer of fine horses and will have no other kind on his farm. As an agriculturist and stock-raiser he has justly attained a high standing and financially has met with gratifying success in his business.

On the 7th of October, 1880, Mr. Vanhorn was united in marriage to Miss Eugenia V. Smith, who was born upon the same farm on which she now lives, December 27, 1860. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Drake) Smith, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of New York state. Mr. Smith came to Iowa in 1852 and after spending one year in Cedar county purchased a farm in Muscatine county, which he cultivated until his death, which occurred in 1889, at the age of sixty-three years. His wife died in 1902, at the age of seventy-three years. Their remains lie side by side in Overman cemetery, Goshen township. By the union of Mr. and Mrs. Smith were born six children, namely: Luna, now the wife of George Coverston, of California; Lovisa, now Mrs. J. E. Parker, of Moscow, Iowa; Mary E., wife of John Walters, of Tipton, Iowa; L. B., of Nichols, Iowa; Eugenia V., now Mrs. Vanhorn; and Henry C., of Fallon, Nevada.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Vanhorn has been brightened by the arrival of seven children: Pearl E., born in 1881, who was a student of the high school and is now the wife of Erle Turkle of Atalissa; Wilma G., who was born in 1883, and died in 1884; John B., who was born in 1886, and is now at Atalissa; Carl, born in 1888, who received a high school education and is now living at home; Jessie L., who was born in 1890, and is now the wife of Don Hargraves of Muscatine county; Ernest Ray and Erma Mae, twins, born 1894, still at home.

Mr. Vanhorn's family are members of the Christian church and stanch believers in the inspiration of Holy Writ. Politically he gives his support to the democratic party, and that he possesses the confidence of the people of the township is indicated by the fact that he has served for six years as a member of the school board. He is connected with the lodge of Modern Brotherhood of America at Atalissa and is an earnest admirer of the beautiful teachings of that order. Industrious, energetic and progressive, he years ago won an enviable place in the estimation of the community and is regarded as one of its most valued members. He owes his success to a worthy ambition and a stability of character, two of the most desirable attributes that any man can possess.

ADDISON JAMES WOOD.

Addison James Wood, who owns a well improved farm in Sweetland township and is one of the highly esteemed citizens of Muscatine county, was born in the township where he now lives, February 21, 1855. He comes of Virginia ancestry, his father, Charles P. Wood, having been born in Loudoun county, Virginia, November 29, 1822. The mother was Sarah H. Carr, who was born August 5, 1826, in Jefferson county, Ohio, a daughter of James and Mary Carr. His paternal grandfather, Jesse Wood, spent the most of his life in Virginia. He married Martha Devine, by whom he had four children, namely: Charles P., the father of our subject; Samuel B.; William; and Mary. After the death of Jesse Wood, his widow married James Blackwood, and to them were also born four children: James, George, Rebecca and Sarah.



A. J. WOOD AND FAMILY



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES E. WOOD

At five years of age Charles P. Wood was taken to Ohio by his mother and continued there for seven years, after which he made his home with an uncle in Michigan. After his marriage at twenty-four years of age he engaged in farming and in 1853 came overland by wagon from Lenawee county, Michigan, to Iowa and for two years lived upon a rented farm in Sweetland township, Muscatine county. He was an industrious man and acquired sufficient capital with which to purchase one hundred acres of land on section 7 of the same township, where he lived until his death, which occurred on the 14th of April, 1904. The mother of our subject passed away February 28, 1875. The father was a resident of Muscatine county for more than fifty years and performed his full share toward the betterment of his adopted county and state. He was an earnest supporter of the republican party and held a number of township offices, being trustee and for many years a member of the school board. He was prosperous in his business affairs and highly respected by all who knew him. There were seven children in his family: Martha and Mary, who died in infancy; Addison James, our subject; William Griffith, who married Susan Deitrick and became the father of three children, Charles Levi, Agnes and Herbert; Walter H., deceased; Jesse C., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Ida S., who married Allison Phelps, of Knoxville, Iowa, and is the mother of four children, Bernice, Harry, Claude and Mark.

The subject of this review attended the district school and later carried his studies further in the Muscatine high school and at Penn college. After leaving college he rented a farm in Sweetland township, continuing upon that place for five years. At the age of twenty-six, in 1881, he was united in marriage to Mary C. Hoopes, a daughter of Lindley and Mary (Addleman) Hoopes and granddaughter of John and Hannah (Jones) Hoopes. Lindley Hoopes, the father, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1815. He came to Muscatine county in 1854 and for several years followed the carpenter's trade in Muscatine. Subsequently he moved to a farm of one hundred and thirty acres which he purchased in Lake township, Muscatine county, and here the wife of our subject grew to womanhood.

Mr. Wood has been farming on his own account for many years and by the application of sound judgment has practically acquired financial independence, being one of the most prosperous farmers of his township. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wood: Lillian Gertrude, who was born January 8, 1883, and died in infancy; Ralph Waldo, who was born September 17, 1886, and died from fever in 1890; and Lloyd Alden, who was born May 24, 1891, and departed this life at the age of eighteen years, six months and twenty-eight days, December 22, 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood have borne up bravely under the heavy afflictions caused by the loss of their children. They mourn, however, not as those who have no hope, being sustained by a trust in a Divine Providence that directs all things aright. Mr. Wood is steward and trustee of the Methodist church at Sweetland Centre and one of its prominent supporters. He has served most acceptably as school director and held the office of secretary of school board for twenty-five years. In 1901 he was elected treasurer of the Farmers Mutual As-

sessment Fire & Lightning Insurance Association of Muscatine county and still retains the office. He is known as a man who aims to perform his duty conscientiously to those with whom he is associated and to the entire community. Fraternally he is identified with Muscatine Camp, No. 106, M. W. A.

HERMAN J. HENDRIKS.

The owner of four hundred and sixty acres of good Muscatine county land, Herman J. Hendriks may congratulate himself on having as a young man chosen farming as his vocation. He has shown an energy and judgment that are highly creditable, and various responsible offices to which he has been elected by his friends and neighbors indicate that he is greatly respected by those who best know him. He comes of Holland stock on both branches of the paternal tree, and was born in St. Louis, Missouri, March 1, 1850, son of Jacob and Anna M. (Shoemaker) Hendriks, both natives of Holland. The father came to America at the age of twenty-six years, and the mother with her parents, being married to Mr. Hendriks in St. Louis, where he lived for six years, working in a lumberyard. In 1852 he removed to Muscatine and worked in a lumberyard in the summer and in the packing house in the winter until 1869, when he began farming on rented land in Bloomington township. As he was an industrious man of good habits he accumulated sufficient capital to purchase one hundred and twenty acres in the same township, which he cultivated for ten years. In 1879 he removed to Muscatine and lived retired until his death, which occurred December 27, 1889. The beloved wife and mother passed away in 1887, and both she and her husband were interred in Greenwood cemetery. There were eight children in their family, of whom four are now living, namely: Herman J., the subject of this review; Jennie, wife of L. A. Eysink, of Pella, Iowa; William, who now lives on the family homestead; and Mary the wife of Henry Eysink, of Enid, Oklahoma.

At the age of two years Herman J. Hendriks came to Muscatine with his parents, and in the public schools of the city received his preliminary education. At twenty-nine years of age he located on the farm in Bloomington township, operating rented land on his own account. He applied himself vigorously to his work and after eight years of continuous application he had acquired sufficient money to purchase one hundred and forty acres in Goshen township. He increased the size of his farm as the years passed and now owns four hundred and sixty acres, of which four hundred acres are under a high state of cultivation. He also owns six hundred and forty acres in Nebraska. He carries on general farming and spares no pains to secure the best results in his work. Thorough in everything he undertakes, he has made his farm one of the model places of the township.

On the 26th of February, 1879, Mr. Hendriks was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Nyenhuis, who was born in Muscatine, November 26, 1857, a daughter of Christian and Bernadine (Bolthof) Nyenhuis. The parents were both natives of Holland and came to this country in the early part of the '50s, stop-

ping for a time in New York. Subsequently, they took up their residence in Muscatine county, and the father worked at his trade as a carpenter for several years, locating upon a farm in 1858. He passed away in 1872. The mother moved to Muscatine in 1873, and there lived until her death, which occurred in 1904. Their remains lie side by side in Greenwood cemetery at Muscatine. There were ten children in their family, six of whom are now living, namely: Hannah, wife of William Rensink, of Denver, Colorado; Jennie, now Mrs. Hendriks; John H., a well known architect and contractor of Chicago; William C., of Cripple Creek, Colorado; Wilhelmina, who is living with her sister in Denver; George, a farmer of Sweetland township; and Mary, who married Dr. E. B. Fulliam of Muscatine county and died in 1905. The other three children of Mr. and Mrs. Nyenhuis died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Hendriks were born six children, namely: George W., who was born February 23, 1880, and is now living upon a farm near Nichols, Iowa; Anna May, who was born May 4, 1882, and is now the wife of Arthur J. La Tourrette, of Bayfield, Lake township, Iowa; Bertha D., who was born October 1, 1884; Edward J., May 11, 1887; John, September 12, 1893; and Frank C., who was born January 17, 1892, and died October 5, 1905. Bertha, Edward and John are living at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendriks have reared an interesting family and by their example encouraged their children to enter upon lives of usefulness. They are both active members of the First Baptist church of Muscatine and are always ready to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than themselves. Mr. Hendriks ever since attaining his majority has given his support to the republican party and has served with general acceptance as township trustee for eight years and also as road supervisor for four years, and was a member of the school board. He ranks as one of the most substantial and useful men of his neighborhood.

JOHN H. ARZT.

Among the prosperous and substantial citizens of Muscatine county is John H. Arzt, who is now living retired in Wilton Junction. He was born in Moscow township, November 28, 1860, a son of John and Anna (Murry) Arzt, both natives of Germany. The parents came to America, crossing the ocean in a sailing vessel and locating in Muscatine county. Their record may be found in the sketch of Fred Birkhofer on another page of this work.

The subject of this review was reared under the care of loving parents and was well trained even as a boy in agriculture and stock-raising. When not employed by his father in the fields, he put in his time to good advantage in the neighboring schoolhouse, where he acquired the rudiments of an education which has been very useful to him in the years that have since elapsed. After laying aside his books he continued upon the home farm until several years after he had attained man's estate and then, having married, he established a home on rented land. After ten years of diligent work and faithful saving, he purchased a farm of eighty acres on section 6, Moscow township, where he continued to live until his retirement from farming. He erected buildings, set out shade and

ornamental trees and not only improved the appearance of the place, but by the proper rotation and cultivation of crops greatly increased its productiveness. He gave special attention to the raising and feeding of hogs, and as he devoted close attention to his work and followed well established lines, he was very successful.

On October 18, 1883, Mr. Arzt was united in marriage to Miss Anna B. Baker, who was born in Cedar county, Iowa, January 10, 1862, and is a daughter of John and Sarah (Howe) Baker, the father being a native of Ohio and the mother of Indiana. They came to Iowa many years ago, Mr. Baker entering land in Cedar county and there continuing until he passed away January 6, 1892. His widow is still living on the old homestead and has reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. Mrs. Arzt's grandfather, Martin Baker, was one of the early preachers of Iowa and a staunch upholder of the faith as delivered from the pioneer pulpits. He long since passed to his reward. Ten children were born to John and Sarah Baker, seven of whom are now living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Arzt three children were born: Clara, who was born November 9, 1885, and died December 12, 1885; Elmer J., born October 9, 1891, and died December 17, 1891; and Floyd Wilbur, born March 8, 1896, and died March 25, 1896.

The loss of their children bore heavily upon the parents, but they are sincere believers in the authority and inspiration of the Bible and are assured that all is well, even though at times the way seems dark and uncertain. They are both valued members of the Methodist church and supporters of all movements that seek to add permanently to the welfare of the community. Mr. Arzt gives his adherence to the democratic party and fraternally is identified with Lodge No. 122, A. F. & A. M., at Atalissa, and the Royal Arch chapter of West Liberty, being a strong upholder of the benevolent principles inculcated by those organizations. Both he and his wife are members of Purity Chapter No. 365, O. E. S., of Wilton Junction.

ANDREW COCHRAN.

Andrew Cochran, who resides on land in Lake township, Muscatine county, preempted by his father from the United States government many years ago, is the owner of a beautiful farm which he has acquired by his own energy and good judgment. He was born in Ireland, July 8, 1849, and is a son of Robert and Jane (Scott) Cochran, also natives of the Emerald isle. He came to the United States in 1851 and after spending some years at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, traveled westward, locating in Muscatine county, where he continued until 1883, when he moved to Audubon county, Iowa. He departed this life in 1886, his wife surviving him until 1900, when she was called to her reward. There were six children in their family: Anna, deceased; James, who died from wounds received while serving in the United States Army; Andrew, our subject; William, now living in Des Moines, Iowa; Mary, deceased; and Thomas, of Earlham, Iowa.

Andrew Cochran was educated in the district schools of Muscatine county and remained upon the home farm until he was twenty-eight years of age, when he removed to Pike township, this county. In 1887 he returned to the home farm, where he has since lived, except during a period of three years which he spent in Muscatine. In addition to raising cereals he feeds cattle and hogs for the market and as he gives his best abilities to the work, success usually attends his efforts. He is known as one of the prosperous farmers of the county and is now the fortunate owner of three hundred and fifteen acres of well improved land.

In 1878 Mr. Cochran was united in marriage to Miss Isabelle Mills and four children have blessed their union: Roy, a farmer of Wapsinonoc township; Hattie, deceased; Elsie, the wife of Ben Conklin, of West Liberty, Iowa; and Arthur, at home.

The success of Mr. Cochran has been due mainly to wise management and hard work. He is a worthy representative of that class of citizens who lead quiet, industrious lives and constitute the best part of the community. Politically he gives his allegiance to the democratic party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the permanent prosperity of the country. Socially he is a valued member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, being a stanch believer in the fraternal principles of that organization.

C. G. HARGRAVE.

Among the intelligent and progressive citizens of Muscatine county none occupy a higher place in the esteem of their friends than C. G. Hargrave, who owns the homestead of the family of one hundred and sixty acres in Goshen township. He has exercised an energy and ability that produced excellent results and, therefore, is regarded as a practical man of affairs, whose advice it is safe to follow in emergency.

He was born in Belmont county, Ohio, November 7, 1864, and is a son of B. S. and Maria (Parker) Hargrave, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state. The family came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1865, locating upon a farm, where the father lived until retiring to Atalissa. He became one of the representative landowners of his locality, being a useful man of the community and one who ever sought its best interests. He departed this life January 17, 1899, the mother being called away August 18, 1901. There were seven children in their family, namely: A. P., of Lyon county, Iowa; M. B., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Leonora, deceased; C. G., our subject; O. J., also deceased; and J. K. and B. H., both of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

C. G. Hargrave received his preliminary education in the Atalissa high school and applied himself diligently when not busy with his books to his duties about the house and the farm. After reaching manhood he rented land for a number of years, acquiring sufficient capital to purchase the old homestead in 1903. This farm is located on sections 1 and 2, Goshen township, and by careful attention it has been made one of the most attractive properties in his part of

the county. Mr. Hargrave cultivates the cereals but makes a specialty of raising and feeding cattle and hogs, usually delivering them at the market in such condition as to command the best prices.

On the 24th of February, 1887, Mr. Hargrave was united in marriage to Miss Ida R. Oxley, who was born in Ohio, January 11, 1863. Mrs. Hargrave is a lady of fine education and engaged in teaching school previous to her marriage. Having no children, they adopted a son, Donald L. Hargrave, who was born November 1, 1887. He married Miss Jessie L. Vanhorn, a native of Louisa county, Iowa, born November 26, 1890. She is a daughter of Jesse and Eugenia (Smith) Vanhorn.

Mr. Hargrave possessed the advantage of a college education in his early manhood and his success may in an important degree be due to the training he received as a student. He keeps thoroughly informed as to the progress of the world and as a patriotic citizen is especially interested in all matters pertaining to the state and nation. Politically he gives his adherence to the republican party, accepting its principles as those best adapted to forward the prosperity of the country. He has not sought public office but is now serving for his second term as township trustee. He is identified with Camp No. 2587, M. W. A., and the Masonic lodge, both of Atalissa. He and his estimable wife are stanch members of the Presbyterian church, assisting not only in advancing the interests of that denomination but in other worthy causes that seek to relieve the burdens of humanity.

EDWARD J. COADY.

No people have given more freely of their sons and daughters to assist in building up the American republic than the generous hearted natives of Ireland and no nationality has more creditably acquitted itself on American soil than the Irish. Descendants of settlers from the Emerald isle are found in every part of the Union and nobly have they assisted in advancing the permanent welfare of a country that received their fathers and mothers with open arms and here offered opportunities for home and plenty not elsewhere found in the world.

Edward J. Coady, a prosperous farmer of Seventy-six township, is of Irish ancestry. He was born on the farm where he now lives, June 10, 1861, and is a son of John and Ann (Cosgrove) Coady, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The parents came to America in 1855 and located in Muscatine county, Iowa, where John Coady established himself upon a farm and gained a position as one of the substantial citizens of Seventy-six township. He was a man of indefatigable industry and of many genial characteristics that gained for him friends wherever he was known. He departed this life September 18, 1878. The mother of our subject passed away January 13, 1902. They were the parents of eight children, six of whom are now living.

Edward J. Coady was educated in the district schools of Seventy-six township and as he grew up became thoroughly familiar with all kinds of farm work. At the age of twenty-two years, desiring to see more of the great world, he went

west and for fifteen years made his home in Idaho, where he became a railroad engineer. However, the mountains did not possess the attractions for him that were held out by the old homestead and in 1899 he returned to Muscatine county and purchased of the other heirs the farm which his father acquired many years before. Here he has erected substantial buildings and made other improvements, greatly adding to the appearance and value of the place. He is a general farmer and meets with handsome returns as the result of his well directed labor.

Politically Mr. Coady is in sympathy with the democratic party and heartily supports its candidates and principles. He has never sought public office, as his interest is mainly taken up with his private affairs. He holds membership in the Knights of Columbus and has many warm friends in that beneficent organization. A man of wide observation and experience, he is recognized as one of the valued citizens of Muscatine county.

WILLIAM A. COOLING, M. D.

Dr. William A. Cooling, for ten years past in active practice at Wilton Junction, was born in Warren county, Ohio, June 24, 1872, a son of Albert A. and Kittie (Foster) Cooling. The father, who was a native of Erie county, New York, removed to Ogle county, Illinois, where he was living in 1861 at the outbreak of the Civil war. Responding to the call of President Lincoln, he enlisted in Company B, Ninety-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry, and served at the front for one year, when he was taken ill. After his recovery he was detailed for hospital duty at Nashville, Tennessee, and continued in that capacity until the close of the war. After receiving his honorable discharge he began the study of medicine, and in 1868 was graduated from the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, and entered upon the practice of his profession at Foster, Warren county, Ohio. On August 1, 1872, he located at Wilton Junction, Iowa, where he pursued his profession until his death, which occurred January 9, 1900. He was a man of many fine qualities and as a physician stood among the best in Muscatine county. He was also successful in business, being one of the organizers of the Wilton Savings Bank, of which he acted as president for sometime. Politically he was allied with the republican party and fraternally with the Masonic order, being a member of the lodge, chapter, commandery and shrine. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a native of England. The mother was born in Warren county, Ohio, in the same house in which the subject of this sketch first opened his eyes to the light of day. She was married in 1869 and died June 8, 1886. There were four children in the family: William A.; Arthur, a manufacturer of Sterling, Illinois; Albert, who died in infancy; and Bertha Louise, who died at the age of four years.

William A. Cooling grew up in a happy home and received his preliminary education in the public schools. Having shown a decided inclination for a professional career, he was sent to the Northwestern Academy at Evanston, Illinois, at which he was graduated in 1892, later studying for three years in the Northwestern University. He next matriculated in Rush Medical College, Chicago,

and was graduated with the degree of M. D. in 1899. After taking work in the hospital, he came to Wilton Junction and was associated for two months with his father before the death of the latter. Having thoroughly prepared for a profession under some of the greatest practitioners and surgeons of America, Dr. Cooling has met with gratifying success and is recognized as one of the active and thoroughly efficient disciples of the healing art in this region. He keeps fully informed as to the latest developments in medicine and surgery and holds membership in the American Medical Association, the Iowa State Medical Society, and the Muscatine County Medical Society.

In 1903 Dr. Cooling was united in marriage to Miss Ione Parker, a native of Texas. One of the great sorrows of his life was the death of his wife, who was summoned to the unseen world in 1908. During his college career Dr. Cooling became a member of the Phi Kappa Sigma, a literary society, and the Phi Rho Sigma, a medical fraternity. He gives his influence to the support of the republican party and fraternally is identified with the lodge of Elks at Muscatine. He now enjoys a large and lucrative practice, and no citizen in Muscatine county more completely possesses the confidence and esteem of the people.

FRANK L. GRIGGS.

Iowa, rich in its natural resources and its opportunities, is the home of many who claim the state as the place of their nativity and who recognize the fact that along agricultural lines especially the advantages here offered are equal, if not superior, to any furnished elsewhere in this broad land. Perhaps no other district can count among its population a greater number of native sons than can Muscatine county. This class includes Frank L. Griggs, who was born in Wapsinonoc township on the 4th of July, 1883, and who now devotes his attention to the operation of a fine farm of one hundred and fifteen acres in Pike township. His parents, William and Katherine (Deahr) Griggs, are natives of Illinois and Iowa respectively. They were married in this county and took up their abode on a farm in Goshen township, the father being busily engaged in the cultivation of rented land for many years. In 1897 he bought the farm which has remained his place of abode continuously since and developed it into one of the most highly improved properties of the locality. At the present time, however, he is living retired, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. Unto him and his wife were born five children, as follows: William T., who resides on a farm in Goshen township; Chester C., who lives on a farm in Pike township; Jesse, who operates the old homestead place; Hattie M., who is also yet under the parental roof; and Frank L., of this review.

The last named remained under the parental roof until twenty-five years of age, when he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, purchasing one hundred and fifteen acres of land in Pike township in 1908. The further cultivation and improvement of that property has since claimed his time and energies and his labors have been attended with excellent results. The fields indi-



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cate his careful supervision and practical methods, bringing forth rich crops which are a merited reward for his industry.

On the 10th of June, 1908, Mr. Griggs was united in marriage to Miss Vernetta E. Swickard, whose birth occurred in Pike township, Muscatine county, on the 5th of January, 1888, her parents being Mathias and Celestia B. (Watkins) Swickard, natives of Iowa. The entire period of their wedded life was spent on a farm in Pike township, where Mr. Swickard passed away in 1903. They were the parents of three children, namely: Mrs. Griggs; Elmer Ray, who is still at home with his widowed mother; and Susie M., who is the wife of Harvey Green and resides on a farm in Pike township. Mr. and Mrs. Griggs have one son, Herbert S., whose natal day was July 20, 1910.

Mr. Griggs gives his political allegiance to the democratic party but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, with which his wife is also identified. They enjoy a wide and favorable acquaintance here and are a highly esteemed young couple of the community.

CHARLES H. LAMB.

No man in Muscatine county stands higher in the estimation of the people who know him than Charles H. Lamb, the owner of a highly improved farm in Goshen township. He has won the position of honor he has attained by his industry, ability and fidelity to duty. He was born in the town of Atalissa in Goshen township, February 23, 1862, a son of Leonard L. and Rebecca (Stewart) Lamb. The father was born in eastern Ohio, December 25, 1825, and the mother in Virginia, June 25, 1829. Leonard L. Lamb came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1857, and worked at the carpenter's trade for a number of years, after which he was foreman of fence construction for the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway until he was retired on account of old age. He is now living retired and makes his home with the subject of this review. The beloved mother was called from earthly scenes May 5, 1901, and laid to rest in the cemetery near Atalissa, Iowa. Five children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, namely: Amanda, now deceased; Emerson S. of Atalissa; Mary L., now of Clinton, Iowa; Charles H., our subject; and Hattie, deceased.

Charles H. Lamb was reared in the little town of Atalissa. He gained the rudiments of education in the Atalissa high school but has greatly added to what he there learned, having since arriving at mature years been a close observer and a reader of good literature. After leaving school he learned telegraphy and for twenty-five years was connected with the telegraph department of the Rock Island Railway Company, performing his duties in such a way as to meet the hearty approval of the officers of the road. In 1900 he purchased a farm in Goshen township, upon which he lived for seven years, when he disposed of this place, investing in the property on section 1 of the same township where he has since made his home. By application and good judgment he has

largely increased the earning capacity of his farm so that it is now one of the most productive possessions of its size in this part of the county.

On the 22d of May, 1884, Mr. Lamb was united in marriage to Miss Jennie S. Howard, who was born in Goshen township March 1, 1864, and is a daughter of Lucius and Mary (White) Howard. The father was born in New York state August 22, 1825, and the mother in New Jersey, May 17, 1836. They came to Scott county, Iowa, and later to Muscatine county, where they lived about thirty years, later making their home in Johnson county, Iowa, for ten years, and finally in Tama county, Iowa. The father, having reached the advanced age of eighty-five years, died January 10, 1911, at his home in Tama county. The mother departed this life March 24, 1898. There were four children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Howard, namely; Jennie S., now Mrs. Lamb; Lucius H., a resident of Tama county; Mercy L., deceased; and Loren L., of Iowa Falls, Iowa. One son, Leonard L., was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, his natal day being August 16, 1885. He graduated from Washington University Medical School, St. Louis, Missouri, and is now a successful practitioner at Chatsworth, Illinois.

Mr. Lamb ever since arriving at voting age has given his support to the republican party and has taken active interest in its success. He has served in a number of offices of trust and responsibility and is now township assessor. He was clerk of the township for six years and has also most acceptably filled the office of school director. Fraternally he is identified with Ionic Lodge, No. 122, A. F. & A. M., at Atalissa; Liberty Chapter, No. 79, R. A. M., at West Liberty; and Purity Chapter, No. 365, O. E. S., of Wilton Junction, all of Iowa. He and his wife are consistent members of the Christian church. Mr. Lamb is known as a man of good judgment and as a patriotic citizen, who has through life contributed according to his ability toward strengthening the bonds of friendship and good-will among his fellowmen, thus adding to the stability of society. The possessor of genial characteristics, he has a host of friends and well wishers throughout a wide region in Muscatine county.

HARRY M. BERNICK.

Harry M. Bernick, a well known and enterprising agriculturist of Fulton township, has spent his entire life on the farm which he now operates. His birth occurred on the 24th of November, 1887, his parents being Adolph and Amelia (Broders) Bernick, both of whom are natives of Iowa. Following their marriage Mr. Bernick located on the farm which is now being operated by our subject, there successfully carrying on his agricultural interests for twenty-two years. He put aside the active work of the fields in 1908 and has since lived retired at Durant, Cedar county, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. Unto him and his wife have been born three children, as follows: Harry M., of this review; Clarence, who lives on the old homestead farm with his brother, Harry; and Elsie, who is still under the parental roof.

Harry M. Bernick supplemented his early education by a course of study in Brown's Business College at Davenport, of which institution he is a graduate. On attaining his majority he began the operation of the old homestead farm and has since had charge of the property, carrying on his agricultural interests in most capable manner. He has already attained a creditable measure of success for one of his years and deserves recognition among the energetic and representative citizens of his community.

On the 18th of August, 1908, Mr. Bernick was united in marriage to Miss Elnora Friedrich, a native of Scott county, Iowa, and a daughter of Henry and Emma (Schlapkahl) Friedrich, who were likewise born in that county. Mrs. Bernick is the only living member of a family of four children, the others having been named Delora, Adelia and Carl. Henry Friedrich passed away in 1901 and five years later his widow married Fred Tagge, a native of Scott county, Iowa, who was a widower with four children: Leonard, Harry, Wilma and Fred. Mr. and Mrs. Tagge now make their home at Hartley, O'Brien county, Iowa. Unto our subject and his wife has been born one child, Violet Elsie, whose birth occurred on the 9th of December, 1909. Mr. Bernick is a republican in politics but does not seek office as a reward for his party fealty. He and his wife are well and favorably known throughout the community as young people of upright, honorable lives.

DANIEL O'BRIEN.

Daniel O'Brien, now living retired on his farm in Muscatine county, was born in Ireland, March 12, 1832. He is of sturdy Irish ancestry and is a son of Michael and Anna (Maher) O'Brien. The parents came to America in 1847, the trip being made in a sailing vessel which required eight weeks for the voyage. After living for three years in St. Louis they settled on a farm in Muscatine county, where the father devoted his attention to agriculture until his death, which occurred in 1861. The mother passed away a year later. Seven children comprised the family, namely: Dennis, now a farmer on Muscatine island; Patrick, deceased; John M., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Daniel, our subject; Michael, now living in California; James, deceased; and Catherine, who died at the age of twenty-two years.

Daniel O'Brien was reared on his father's farm, where he continued until twenty-two years of age, assisting according to the extent of his ability in the support of the family. However, in 1854, having heard many stories concerning valuable gold mines on the Pacific coast, he decided to seek the yellow metal, going to New York, sailed for the isthmus of Panama, which he crossed, and then proceeded by water to San Francisco. He spent three years as a miner and prospector and then returned home by the same route which he had taken to the west. Although his dreams were not fully realized, he was not entirely disappointed and he gained a great deal of experience that proved to be of practical value in after life. He returned home in 1857 and a year later purchased land in Muscatine county, being now the owner of two hundred acres, which he has im-

proved by erecting buildings, planting trees, etc., so that he now has one of the desirable properties of the county. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock.

In 1867 Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Byrne, who was born in Ireland and is a daughter of John and Margaret (O'Toole) Byrne, both of whom are deceased. Eight children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. O'Brien: Mary A., now the wife of J. P. Hickey, of Seventy-six township; Michael, deceased; Margaret, of Denver, Colorado; John and Catharine, at home; one who died in infancy; Dennis, also at home; and Daniel, in Colorado.

Mr. O'Brien was deprived of his beloved wife by the hand of death in 1888 and, although the unwelcome visitor has more than once stopped in his household, the death of his wife was the severest affliction he has ever known. He has now arrived at the age of seventy-eight years and has yielded the cares of his farm to younger hands, resting after many years of earnest and well directed labor. Politically he is identified with the democratic party. He has never sought office but has served as member of the school board. In religious belief he gives his assent to the Catholic church—the church of his fathers—in whose folds the children of the family also find a friendly shelter.

CHARLES STALEY.

Men of fidelity to principle who by the use of natural talents make a creditable record in the business or industrial world are worthy of the sincere respect of their associates. Their life from day to day is a constant incentive to others and it would be impossible to estimate the good they do by the simple force of example. Charles Staley, a prominent citizen of Goshen township, whose name introduces this sketch, should be classed with those here indicated. Born in Pennsylvania, May 28, 1862, he is the son of Jacob and Catherine E. (Keeler) Staley, both of whom were natives of the Keystone state and were born in Columbia county. They were married in their native county and the father engaged in farming in Pennsylvania until 1870, when he came to Iowa. In 1872 he removed to a farm in Illinois, which he cultivated until his retirement from active labor in 1896. He spent the later years of his life at Joy, Illinois, being called away December 7, 1904. The mother departed two years later, on July 3, 1906. Mr. Staley was quite successful as a farmer, becoming the owner of a well improved place of one hundred and ninety acres in Mercer county, Illinois. During the Civil war he enlisted in Company D, Two Hundred and Tenth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded at the battle of Five Forks, the ball lodging in his hip and remaining there throughout his life. There were seven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Staley, namely: Rosa Jane, now Mrs. Curtis Small, of Joy, Illinois; Charles, the subject of this review; Sherman and Harvey, both of whom died in Mercer county, Illinois; Julia Ann, also deceased; William, who was born in Muscatine county and is now living at Atalissa; and Roy, who was born in Mercer county, Illinois, and is now living in Oklahoma.

Charles Staley came west with his parents at eight years of age and attended the district schools, where he obtained the rudiments of an education, which has been of constant practical use to him in his business career. He remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age and then began farming upon his own account by renting land. At the end of four years he purchased in 1893 one hundred and twenty acres of land in Goshen township, and as time passed he added more land to his original holding until at the present time he is the owner of a beautiful farm of three hundred and eighty-six acres, all of which is under a high state of cultivation except that portion which he reserves for pasturage. He handles stock on a large scale and as he is a good judge of animals, especially those of standard grades, he generally receives a satisfactory price for what he has to sell. No more prosperous farmer is to be found in the township than Mr. Staley.

On the 16th of December, 1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Beggs, who was born in Wisconsin, March 30, 1865, a daughter of Hugh and Matilda (Frankenfield) Beggs, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Pennsylvania. They were married in Wisconsin and lived in Illinois until 1892, when they came to Muscatine county and settled on a farm in Goshen township. Mr. Beggs is now the owner of a valuable place comprising eighty acres. There were four children in his family: Sarah, now Mrs. Charles Staley; Etta, who became the wife of William Minter and is now deceased; Mary, now Mrs. Benjamin Meeks, living on the old homestead; and Emma, the wife of Granville Flater, of Atalissa. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Staley: Archie H., born August 13, 1888, who received a common-school education and is now living with his parents; Louis F., who was born September 28, 1889; Floyd E., born March 31, 1895; Theresa C., born November 9, 1900, and Leota M., born April 5, 1910, all of whom are living at home.

Mr. Staley has not given much time to politics and the allurements of office have never had for him any special attraction. He and his family, however, are interested in religious affairs and are active members of the Methodist church. By a life of practical industry he has won a good name which is more to be preferred than riches and at the same time has demonstrated that high character and success in business may go hand in hand.

JOHN NEILSEN.

John Neilsen, an enterprising and representative agriculturist of Fulton township, was born in Germany on the 17th of March, 1854, his parents being John C. and Annie (Struve) Neilsen, who were likewise natives of that country. The father passed away in Germany, while the mother's demise occurred here on the 18th of June, 1906, she having emigrated to the United States subsequent to her husband's death. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Jacob, Claus, John, Katrina, Annie, Mary and Carsten.

John Neilsen spent the first nineteen years of his life in his native country and then crossed the Atlantic to the new world. Since coming to Muscatine county

he has devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits and is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land in Fulton township. Here he has labored industriously and energetically, planting his crops in the early springtime, continuing their cultivation through the summer and gathering his harvests in the autumn.

On the 28th of February, 1887, Mr. Neilsen was united in marriage to Miss Wiebke Ahrenstorff, whose birth occurred in Germany on the 17th of May, 1864, her parents being Christopher and Annie Ahrenstorff, likewise natives of the fatherland. They emigrated to America in 1886 and spent the remainder of their lives on a farm in Iowa, the death of Mr. Ahrenstorff occurring in 1898. Their children were seven in number, as follows: Mrs. Neilson, Annie, Frederick, Henry, John, Katherine and Wilhelmina. Unto our subject and his wife have been born three children: John C., whose natal day was January 28, 1888; Annie, whose birth occurred May 15, 1890; and Minna, who was born in 1896.

In politics Mr. Neilsen is a democrat and for five years he has held the position of road supervisor, proving a most capable and trustworthy public official. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to establish his home on this side the Atlantic, for in the wise utilization of the opportunities here afforded he has won a place among the substantial and esteemed citizens of his community.

J. E. PARKER.

An attractive residence in Moscow and six valuable lots are the visible evidence of a life of industry, perseverance and thrift on the part of J. E. Parker. He was born in Pennsylvania on the 10th of July, 1852, a son of Emerel and Mary (Parker) Parker, who were also natives of the Keystone state, where the latter passed away in 1853. After the death of his first wife Emerel Parker went to Indiana, where, in 1864, he was again married and continued to make his home. By his first union there were born eight children, as follows: Ruth E., deceased; C. R., of Pennsylvania; Mary, also deceased; Ellis and Martha, both residing in the Keystone state; Richard, who has also passed away; Emma, the wife of James McDonald, of Muscatine county; and J. E., of this review.

The last named, but six months old at the time of his mother's death, was taken to the home of an uncle, Lot Parker, by whom he was reared until he attained his majority. He attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. His practical training was obtained in the fields during the periods of vacation, and amid the busy activities of rural life he learned many lessons concerning the value of industry, energy and perseverance. He became thoroughly familiar with the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting, and the comprehensive experience which he acquired under the direction of his uncle stood him in good stead when, upon attaining man's estate, he started out independently in life, wisely choosing as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared. His financial condition at that time not permitting of the purchase of a farm of his own, he operated a farm in the capacity of renter for about six years—years characterized by unfaltering industry, earnest toil and

the utmost economy. His efforts, however, were not unavailing, for at the expiration of that period he became the owner of eighty acres of good farm land in Moscow township, upon which he made his home for four years. Renting his property, he removed to Moscow, where he has since made his home. Here he purchased the lots on which he has since built his present residence.

In 1873 Mr. Parker was united in marriage to Miss Lovisa Smith, who was born in Muscatine county December 20, 1855. She is a daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Drake) Smith, natives of Ohio and New York, respectively, who came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1852. Here her father entered land in Goshen township which remained the home of the family for several years. The Smith family consisted of six children. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Parker have been born three children, namely: Luna V., the wife of Charles Fryberger, of Moscow township; Effa L., who married Charles S. Haines, of Cedar county, Iowa; and Benjamin L., a student at the university at Ames, Iowa.

A staunch advocate of the principles of the republican party, Mr. Parker is deeply interested in all matters relating to the public welfare. He has been called to public office, having served his township as assessor for six years, which position he is still filling. He is a well known and prominent figure in fraternal circles of the community, holding membership in blue lodge No. 167, A. F. & A. M., at Wilton Junction, Iowa, in which he has filled nearly all of the chairs. He also belongs to the Modern Brotherhood of America, and he and his wife are members of the Eastern Star No. 365, while his son, Benjamin Parker, is a third degree Mason. The family is well known in Moscow, occupying a prominent place in the society of the town, and their home is the center of a circle of warm friends. Perseverance, diligence and integrity have constituted the guide posts in the life of J. E. Parker, bringing him to the honorable position which he now occupies in the opinion of his fellow townsmen, and he is now numbered as one of Moscow's representative and valued citizens.

HON. B. H. BLACK.

Hon. B. H. Black, representative in the general assembly of Iowa from Muscatine county, is a native of this county, born in Pike township, July 23, 1874. He is a son of Robert and Malissa (Johns) Black, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. He received his early education in the common schools, later becoming a student in the West Liberty high school and the Nichols high school, graduating from the latter. He also had the advantages of a course in a business college at Iowa City, applying himself to his studies in such a way as to indicate an earnest ambition to excel in anything he undertook. He continued with his parents until twenty-two years of age, and then, having married, he began farming on his own account on a part of his father's estate in Pike township. He early became acquainted with all phases of farming and stock-raising and although he is still a young man he has gained an established reputation as one of the highly energetic and successful farmers of the county.

Mr. Black has taken an active part in politics and in November, 1910, was elected on the democratic ticket to the state legislature for a period of two years, which began in January, 1911. Having passed his entire life in this state he is intimately acquainted with its resources and possibilities and also with the needs of the people, and it is confidently expected that as a public official he will acquit himself with high honor.

On the 16th of December, 1896, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Welch, who was born in Muscatine in April, 1875, a daughter of Michael and May (Joyce) Welch. Her father is a native of Ireland and her mother of Muscatine. Mr. Welch is a tailor by trade but is now living retired. There were four children in his family, namely: Mary E., now Mrs. Black; John, who died at the age of six years; Frank M., who is connected with the Chicago American; and Clement J., a graduate of the Iowa State University, who has been admitted to practice as a lawyer but is now general manager of the Bell Telephone Company at Sioux City, Iowa. Mrs. Black is a lady of unusual intellectual accomplishments and is a graduate of the Sisters school of Muscatine and also of the business college of the same city. She is a member of the Catholic church, and fraternally, Mr. Black is connected with the blue lodge of the Masonic order, at Nichols, the chapter at West Liberty, the commandery at Muscatine, and the shrine of Davenport. He is also connected with the Order of the Eastern Star and the Elks. Mr. Black has an attractive personality that inspires confidence and respect and his friends are numbered by the legion in Muscatine county. Gentlemanly in address, frank and persuasive in manner, and governed by unselfish and generous motives, he is to be congratulated on the position he has attained, as it is the reward of genuine personal merit.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER KEMPER.

Muscatine county can claim many well-to-do farmers who by industry and thrift have won a competence and also gained an honorable place in the estimation of their fellowmen. Of this number is John Christopher Kemper, the owner of one of the valuable farms of Sweetland township, which he acquired through his energy and perseverance. He is a native of Hamilton county, Ohio, born December 14, 1858, his parents being Henry and Charlotte (Weinberg) Kemper. The father, who was born in Lupedmond, Germany, November 23, 1822, came to the United States at the age of twenty-six years, in 1848, and spent some time at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he followed his trade as a stone-mason. In 1855, he removed to Muscatine, Iowa, where he lived for a year, and then purchased twenty acres of land in Muscatine county, upon which he took up his home and which became the foundation of a farm of four hundred acres, acquired by him through wisely directed industry. He was a man of strict integrity and met with deserved success in his adopted country. Politically he upheld the republican party. He was a member of the Grange and also of the Methodist church, serving as steward and trustee of the latter. He recognized the importance of education and was for a number of years a member of the school board of his



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district. He also served as roadmaster and in many ways advanced the best interests of the region with which he had cast his lot.

John C. Kemper was the eldest of a family of seven, five of whom are now living. He received a good education in the district schools, and under his father gained a thorough knowledge of agriculture and stock-raising. He remained on the parental homestead for some years after reaching maturity, but in 1879 purchased eighty acres of land on section 24, Sweetland township, and began farming on his own account. He is now the owner of a beautiful farm, upon which he built a comfortable residence in 1901, and made many other improvements. He has devoted his best energies to its cultivation, as is indicated by the abundant crops and the well fed animals which he raises and ships to market every year.

On the 16th of October, 1879, Mr. Kemper was united in marriage to Miss Regina Miller, a daughter of Frederick and Martha Miller, and by this union eleven children have been born: Annie, who married Adolph Ludke, and is the mother of two children; John F., at home; Edith, who is now Mrs. John Balser, and is the mother of one child; Esther, who married Ed Pautel, and is the mother of two children; Elmer; Arthur; Lydia; Frederick; Freda; Cora; and William.

As the head of a large family Mr. Kemper has not had much time to devote to politics, but he gives his allegiance to the republican party, and, being an ardent friend of education, has filled the office of treasurer of the school board for twenty-nine years past, previously having served as school director. He is a firm believer in the Bible and a valued member of the German Methodist Episcopal church, to which he is a liberal contributor. Straightforward, honest and sincere, he has many warm friends, who recognize in him those qualities that contribute most toward forming a manly character.

JOHN PETER MAROLF.

Among the worthy citizens of Swiss descent in Muscatine county may be named John Peter Marolf, a real-estate man and property owner of Wilton Junction. He has been identified with Muscatine county almost ever since his birth and his high character has won the confidence and respect of all with whom he has come into contact. His eyes first opened to the light of day on his father's farm near Wilton Junction, May 12, 1857, his parents being Peter and Anna (Nobs) Marolf, who were born at Walperswyle, Canton Berne, Switzerland, the former in 1815 and the latter in 1814. They were married in their native land and came to America in 1848 stopping for a time at Burlington, Iowa, and subsequently locating on a farm in Muscatine county, which became the homestead of the family. The subject of this review is the youngest of six children, five daughters and one son, the two eldest daughters having been born in Switzerland. The father departed this life in 1881, the mother being called away nine years later at the age of seventy-six years. On the paternal side according to records upon old tombstones near the French boundary of Switzerland the family descends from

the Von Marrows. The surname of the great-grandmother was Andreas and of the grandmother was Schürer.

John P. Marolf received his early education in the German Lutheran parochial schools and remembers that in his boyhood the main supply point of this region was at Muscatine, then Bloomington, which was reached by wagon. He assisted in clearing away timber on Sugar Creek and after laying his books aside took the place of a hired hand on the home farm. Upon the death of his father he purchased the homestead, which he sold to its present owner, Frank Beard, in 1893. In February, 1894, he removed to Lockwood, Missouri, where he began farming, but returned to Wilton Junction in August of the same year on account of the death of his wife. After engaging in various business ventures he accepted a clerkship in a store at Wilton in 1897, which position he held for twelve years. Since 1909 he has engaged in his own name in the real-estate business. He is a fine salesman and, having a thorough knowledge of values, has attained a goodly measure of success in his chosen line.

In 1882, at Wilton Junction, Mr. Marolf was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Hammerich, a native of Grammdorf, Germany. She came to Wilton Junction in 1878 and died while the family were at Lockwood, Missouri, in 1894. Five children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Marolf; Louis C., Carolina C., Albert E., Walter J. and Will F., all of whom are unmarried.

Mr. Marolf votes independently and has never taken any active interest in politics, nor is he connected with any fraternal or social organizations. He holds membership, however, in Zion Lutheran church at Wilton Junction, having been confirmed in that denomination at the age of fourteen years. Owing to the simple life in which he was reared, his tastes have never led him into extravagances of any kind. He is a lover of music and has played in several Wilton bands. His realty interests are tangible proof of his thrift and good judgment, and as a patriotic and public-spirited citizen he is always a willing assistant in any cause that seeks to promote the general welfare.

JAMES O'TOOLE.

James O'Toole, who occupies the family homestead in Seventy-six township, and is one of the highly respected farmers of the region, was born in this county, May 14, 1859. He is a son of William and Winifred (Byrne) O'Toole, both natives of County Wicklow, Ireland. The father came to the United States in 1842 and after working in different parts of the east returned to the Emerald isle in 1850, where he was married, and the year following started again for America with his wife in a sailing vessel which required four weeks for the voyage. He settled upon government land in Seventy-six and Cedar townships, Muscatine county, Iowa, and was one of the successful farmers of the county, retiring from active labor in 1868, after which he lived with his son James until his death in 1898. Mrs. O'Toole departed this life in 1877. The family circle comprised four children: Patrick, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Mary and Sarah, both deceased; and James, our subject.

James O'Toole grew to manhood on the home farm and after receiving his preliminary education in the district school carried his studies further in the schools of Iowa City. He taught school for some time but, being naturally inclined toward agricultural pursuits, for which he was well fitted by early training under his father, he rented the old homestead, which he now owns and which is to him of special value on account of its associations. His farm comprises three hundred and sixty acres on section 20, Seventy-six township. Here he carries on general agriculture, also specializing in the raising and feeding of cattle and hogs, in which he has attained a high degree of success.

In 1884 Mr. O'Toole was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Ryan, who was born in Muscatine county in 1861 and is a daughter of Dennis and Kathrine (Dalton) Ryan. The parents were born in Ireland and came to America in the early '50s. They spent their latter days at Davenport, Iowa. Eight children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole, namely: William P., who is a graduate of the State University of Iowa; Philip J., at home; Winifred A., also at home; Mary J.; Edward D. and James F., twins; and Emmett J. and Louis Gerald, also twins.

Mr. O'Toole affiliates with the democratic party and is a staunch upholder of its principles. He has served as clerk of the township for four years and also as member of the school board. He and his family are sincere believers in Christianity and hold membership in the Catholic church. By many kindly acts he has won the regard of those with whom he has associated and no man in the township is more highly respected by citizens generally than the one whose name introduces this sketch. Generous in sentiment and true in the discharge of every obligation, he has brought up his children under the same favoring influences and they are now a credit not only to their parents but to their state and country.

WILLIAM H. NEIL.

William H. Neil, a respected citizen of Seventy-six township, where he has made his home for more than forty years, was born in the state of Maine, October 22, 1826, and is a son of William and Isabel (Dugan) Neil, the mother also a native of Maine and the father of New Hampshire. William Neil, Sr., removed with his family to Iowa in 1842 and for twenty-two years lived upon a farm in Des Moines county. In 1864 he came to Muscatine county, where he purchased land and continued until his death, which occurred four years later. The mother was called away in 1900, at the venerable age of ninety-nine years, six months and three days. She was the mother of six children, only one of whom, the subject of this review, is now living.

William H. Neil was educated in the district schools and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, when he commenced farming for himself upon rented land. In 1868, having prospered financially, he removed to the farm where he now lives. It comprises forty acres on section 29, Seventy-six township, and he has made many substantial improvements thereon.

In 1865 Mr. Neil was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Price, who was born in Pike county, Ohio, in 1844, a daughter of Michael and Rachel (Foster) Price. Her father was a native of Virginia and her mother of Ohio. They came to Muscatine county in 1848, and continued here during the remainder of their lives. Mr. Price was representative of Muscatine County for one term in the legislature at Des Moines about 1860. There were ten children in their family, only one of whom is now living. To Mr. and Mrs. Neil two children were born: Carrie N. received a good education and became one of the popular school teachers of the township. She makes her home with her father. Laura E., who was born July 11, 1868, grew to beautiful womanhood but was called away August 27, 1897, at the age of twenty-nine years.

Mr. Neil gives his allegiance to the republican party and although he has not sought political office he has served to the general satisfaction of tax payers of the township as trustee and assessor. He is a stanch friend of education and has filled the office of secretary of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with Lodge No. 671, I. O. O. F., of Letts, Iowa, and has passed through all the chairs of the lodge. One of the greatest sorrows of his life was the loss of his beloved wife, who passed away January 19, 1908, and her remains were deposited by loving hands in Letts cemetery. Mr. Neil and his daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are sustained by a faith in a reunion with those who have gone before which is founded on divine promise. The life of Mr. Neil has been an open book, and as he rests from his labors he has the satisfaction of knowing that he has assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing the happiness of those with whom he has been associated.

H. C. PLETT.

H. C. Plett, who devotes his time and energies to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising, is the owner of seventy-five acres of rich and productive land in Fulton township. His birth occurred in Scott county, Iowa, on the 24th of August, 1856, his parents being Hans and Sophia (Arp) Plett, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was twice married, his first wife passing away while en route to the United States. By her he had one son, Henry, who is now engaged in business at Blue Grass, Scott county, Iowa. For his second wife Hans Plett chose Miss Sophia Arp, whom he wedded in Iowa. Subsequently he took up general agricultural pursuits, being actively engaged in the cultivation of rented land until called to his final rest in 1898. His second wife passed away in 1890. The children born of that union were as follows: H. C., of this review; Louis, who is a resident of Blue Grass, Iowa; Elizabeth, of Muscatine county; William, living in Scott county; Charles, a resident of Muscatine; John, who makes his home in Scott county; August, who acts as general manager of an implement business at Blue Grass, Iowa; George and Frank, of Muscatine, Iowa.

H. C. Plett remained under the parental roof until he had attained the age of twenty-seven years, when he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for seven years. On the expiration of that period he em-

barked in business as a merchant of Blue Grass, Iowa, conducting a store for four years. At the end of that time he sold out and purchased the farm of seventy-five acres in Fulton township, which he has operated continuously since. He has brought the place under a high state of cultivation and improvement, deriving therefrom an excellent annual income. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also handles stock, this branch of his business likewise proving profitable.

On the 12th of March, 1884, Mr. Plett was united in marriage to Miss Emma D. Laschamzky, whose birth occurred on the farm which is now the home of our subject, her parents being Christ and Minnie (Body) Laschamzky, natives of Germany. They were married in this country, however, and established their home on a farm in Fulton township, Muscatine county, where the father carried on general agricultural pursuits until the time of his death, which occurred on the 19th of December, 1894. The mother was called to her final rest on the 22d of February, 1896. They were the parents of eight children, namely: August, who is deceased; Mrs. Plett; Bertha; Henry, who has also passed away; Christ; Mary; and William and Sophia, who are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Plett have three children, as follows: Myrtle, who was born on the 18th of August, 1894; Mayme, whose natal day was June 22, 1897; and Edward, whose birth occurred on the 3d of March, 1901.

In politics Mr. Plett is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party by his ballot. The cause of education has ever found in him a staunch champion and for two years he served as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to Camp No. 2470 at Blue Grass, Iowa. In religious faith he is a Presbyterian. His life has ever been upright and honorable, his actions manly and sincere, and as the years have gone by he has proven his right to be classed with the representative and respected agriculturists of Fulton township.

A. J. CECIL.

A. J. Cecil, who with his wife owns a fine farm of two hundred acres on section 18, Seventy-six township, is one of the prosperous farmers of Muscatine county. He is a native of Kentucky, born in July, 1844, and is a son of James and Polly (Hatcher) Cecil. The parents were both born in Kentucky and spent their lives in that state. There were nine children in their family, six of whom are now living.

The subject of this review was educated in the common schools and remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age, when he came to Louisa county, Iowa, and worked upon the farm for four years. At twenty-five years of age he was married and began assisting his father-in-law in Muscatine county. At the present time Mr. Cecil and his wife are the owners of a well improved farm, which is provided with all modern facilities and has been brought to a high degree of cultivation. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock and by close application and good management has become very successful in this line.

In 1869 Mr. Cecil was united in marriage to Miss Eliza M. Fullmer, who was born in Muscatine county in 1847 and is a daughter of John and Margery (Meeker) Fullmer, the former of whom was a native of Maryland and the latter of Ohio. Mr. Fullmer came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1844, and entered land in Seventy-six township, where he built a log cabin according to the primitive style, covering it with clapboards and providing it with a puncheon floor and door. He lived in this cabin with his family until 1854, when he built a substantial brick house, which is still standing on the farm. He was an industrious man of high character and one of the best farmers of his neighborhood. He departed this life in February, 1903, at the advanced age of ninety-three years, his wife having been called away in 1872. Seven children were born of their union, three of whom are now living. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil have four children: J. Burt, now engaged in the grocery business at Wapello, Iowa; Mary K., the wife of Maurice Poling, of Ottumwa, this state; Fred D., of Kimball county, Nebraska; and Effie I., the wife of Jacob Colbert, of Louisa county, Iowa.

Mr. Cecil has ever since boyhood been active and energetic and however dark the day has been able to draw lessons of encouragement which have assisted him in the discharge of his duties. As a result he has many friends and is highly respected by those who best know him. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party and he has served to the general satisfaction of the people of his district as school director. Mrs. Cecil is a well educated woman and taught school before her marriage. She is a valued member of the Methodist Episcopal church. The house in which she now lives is greatly endeared to her by many associations, as here she was born and here for fifty-four years she has made her home.

ALBERT MARTEN.

Among the citizens of this county who have come to America from Germany and founded a home under the protection of the republic is Albert Marten, now living on a highly improved farm in Seventy-six township. He sees no reason to regret the separation from old home and friends twenty-eight years ago, as it has resulted even more favorably than he deemed possible when he left his native shores. He was born February 26, 1859, and is the son of William and Wilhelmina (Wolf) Marten, both natives of Germany. The father came to America in 1884 and made his home at La Crosse, Wisconsin, until 1892, when he removed to Muscatine county. He was called from earthly scenes three years after his arrival in this county. The mother returned to Wisconsin and there departed this life in 1908. There were eight children in the family, six of whom are now living: Paulina, the wife of William Wentland of Muscatine, Iowa; Herman, of Jackson county; Albert, our subject; August, of Wisconsin; Bertha, the wife of Charles Frazer, of La Crosse, Wisconsin; and Frederick, of Muscatine.

Albert Marten was educated in the public schools of his native land and grew to manhood under the kindly protection of a well regulated home. At the age of twenty-three years, in 1882, he decided to seek his fortune in America and

for two years made his home at La Crosse, Wisconsin. In 1884, desiring more favorable conditions, he was attracted to Muscatine, Iowa, and for six years was employed in a sawmill in the city. Being an industrious man of good habits, he acquired sufficient money to purchase eighty acres of land in Moscow township, Muscatine county, which he cultivated until 1900, when he disposed of it and removed to Wapsinonoc township, where he lived for three years. In 1903 he located in Seventy-six township, where he has since lived. Here he rents two hundred and thirty acres, which by his industry he has greatly improved, transforming it into one of the most valuable farms of the township.

In 1884 Mr. Marten was united in marriage to Miss Wilhelmina Blazing, who was born in Germany, January 15, 1863, and is a daughter of August and Mary Blazing. Her father died in the old country but her mother came to America and located in Muscatine. She passed away in 1907. There were nine children in her family. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Marten has been blessed by five children: William A., at home; Minnie, the wife of George Jenson, of Cedar county, Iowa; Frank F., Henry A. and Harry P., all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Marten are both connected with the Lutheran church and are liberal supporters of that organization. He is identified with the democratic party, and the esteem in which he is held by the people of the township is shown by the fact that he served for three years as a member of the school board and is now occupying the office of trustee of the township.

JOSEPH L. BAILEY.

Joseph L. Bailey, who occupies a portion of the family homestead in Wilton township, was born in this county February 29, 1864. He is a son of Joseph and Eliza (Harrison) Bailey, both of whom were natives of Lincolnshire, England. The parents were married in their native country and came to the United States in a sailing vessel in 1851. While on the ocean there was an outbreak of small-pox among the passengers of the ship and many of them died and were buried at sea. Mr. and Mrs. Bailey lived for a time at Salem, Ohio, and then came to Muscatine county, Iowa, where they made their home upon a farm in Wilton township. The father departed this life in 1889. At the time of the Civil war, while he was living in Ohio, he was twice urged to come west and raise onions on a large scale for a period of five years, delivering them by wagon to Davenport, which was then the terminal of the railroad. According to the terms proposed the onions were to be sown broadcast for three years and drilled the last two years. Our subject's grandfather Bailey was a Methodist minister and became prominent as a missionary of that denomination. The mother of our subject is still living and makes her home at Wilton Junction, Iowa. There were seven children in the family: Charles, deceased; William, of Reswick, Iowa; Marjorie, the wife of William Harrison, of Perry, Iowa; Fanny, the wife of William Marchant, a farmer of Wilton township; John H., of Minburn, Iowa; George T., of Omaha, Nebraska; and Joseph L., our subject.

Educated in the common schools, Joseph L. Bailey was reared upon the home farm and after the death of his father located on half of the old homestead, where he still lives. He now owns eighty acres and his wife is the owner of twenty acres of timber land. He has made many improvements upon his place, including a comfortable dwelling, a commodious barn, outhouses, fences, etc., and has set out an orchard and shade trees, so that it is one of the attractive farms of the region. It is known as Pleasant View Stock Farm. Here he raises a good grade of stock and also does general farming.

In 1887 Mr. Bailey was united in marriage to Miss Emma Snyder, of Crestline, Crawford county, Ohio, a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Schlembaker) Snyder, both of German descent. Mr. Snyder spent all his life in Ohio and was a contractor and builder. He served through the entire Civil war in the Union army and was called away in 1902, his beloved wife having died in 1893. They were the parents of four children: Josephine, the wife of George Patterson, of Alliance, Ohio; William, deceased; Emma, now Mrs. Bailey; and Elizabeth, who died in 1899. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Bailey has been blessed by one child, Florence Oneida, who was born July 14, 1897, and is now attending the public schools.

Mr. Bailey is one of the well known citizens of Muscatine county, where he has spent his entire life. He inherited many of the sterling characteristics of his English ancestors and is highly respected by all who know him. Politically he is identified with the republican party and served for two terms as constable of his township. He is a member of the Methodist church and of the Masonic lodge at Wilton Junction, he and his wife both being connected with the Order of the Eastern Star.

JOHN AND LENA SCHMIDT.

One of the best and most highly cultivated farms in Fulton township is the property of John Schmidt, the son of the late John H. and Karolene (Zabel) Schmidt. Both he and his sister Lena are natives of Davenport, Scott county, Iowa, John being born on the 6th of April, 1858, and Lena on the 14th of December four years later. The parents were natives of Germany, the father emigrating to the United States in 1847 and the mother in 1855. They both located in Davenport, Iowa, where they first met and later were married. Mr. Schmidt was a carpenter, following that trade until 1870, when he bought forty acres of land in Montpelier township, Muscatine county, upon which he located, continuing to make it his home during the remainder of his life. He was quite successful in his agricultural pursuits and added to his original tract another forty acres and had at the time of his death one of the best eighty acre farms in that township. He passed away in December, 1894, and his wife only survived him one year, both being laid to rest in Pleasant Prairie cemetery. They were Christians and held membership in the Lutheran church. They were the parents of six children, three of whom died in infancy, while the surviving are: John; Minnie, the wife of Robert Nugent of Muscatine county; and Lena.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN T. SCHINDLER

John and Lena Schmidt always remained at home and after the death of their parents removed to Fulton township, locating on an eighty acre farm which John had previously purchased and where they have since continued to reside. During the fifteen years they have lived here he has made all of the improvements on the place and now owns one of the finest improved farms in the vicinity. He has a nice line of stock, the buildings are all substantial and well repaired, while the carefully cultivated fields each season yield an abundant and profitable harvest. He is energetic and progressive and in addition to this farm he and his sister yet retain their interest in the property of their parents. Mr. Schmidt bought and now owns an additional forty acres in Montpelier township.

Ever since age conferred upon him the full rights of citizenship Mr. Schmidt has cast his vote for the candidates of the republican party but he is not an office seeker. He is a member of the Pleasant Prairie Grange of Fulton township. Both Mr. and Miss Schmidt are held in high regard in the community where they live and during their residence there have made and retained the friendship of many of the best people in their neighborhood.

WILLIAM MILLAR RIGGS.

In a record of the stock-raising interests of Muscatine county prominent mention should be made of William Millar Riggs, for few have done more than he toward sustaining a high standard of stock in this and adjoining counties. In community affairs he has also been deeply interested and by the consensus of public opinion has been awarded a prominent place among the public-spirited and influential citizens of his part of the county. The family comes of Revolutionary stock, the grandfather, a native of Virginia, having fought in the American army during the war for independence. The watch which he carried throughout that war is now in the possession of W. M. Riggs. The latter was born in Dayton, Ohio, June 13, 1850, a son of John Summers and Eliza (Longsteth) Riggs. The father, who engaged in farming and stock-raising, was well known as a breeder of fast horses, having raised some of the most speedy animals in the county.

Coming to Iowa in his boyhood, William Millar Riggs is indebted to the schools of this state for the excellent educational advantages which he enjoyed. As a pupil in the public schools he passed through consecutive grades until his graduation from the Muscatine high school, after which he pursued a course in the Iowa State University, from which he was graduated in due course of time. A desire for travel then led him to leave the paternal roof and he first sought the gold fields of California, where he remained for some time. His next trip took him to Boston, New York and other points of interest, but after wandering from coast to coast, throughout the southland and the northern country, no place seemed more attractive as a place of residence than Iowa and he returned to this state, content here to make his home and seek what the future had in store for him. It being incumbent upon him to regain some of the money which he had expended during his travels, he at once began teaching school during the

winter months, having charge of a country school whose average attendance was more than forty pupils, many of whom were over eighteen years of age. For nine terms he was thus identified with the educational interests of the community, proving a capable instructor who imparted readily and clearly to others the knowledge which he had himself acquired. Aside from being a competent teacher, he thoroughly enjoyed his work and today looks back upon that period as the most pleasant in his entire career. Throughout this time the summer seasons had been devoted to farming and the feeding of stock, and after withdrawing from professional lines he gave his entire attention to agriculture and stock-raising. He owns a well improved and valuable farm where he cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, but gives much of his time to raising and shipping live stock, principally cattle, horses and hogs. He makes a specialty of horses, however, and is a breeder of high grade Percheron horses, being the owner of one of the finest stallions in the west. His stables also contain some full blooded mares which cannot be excelled anywhere in the country, and he has come to be recognized as one of the best and most reliable stock-dealers in his section.

On the 18th of December, 1877, Mr. Riggs was married to Miss Anna N. Hitchcock, a relative of Grover Cleveland, former president of the United States, and to this union have been born four children: Lee S., Emma E., Edith and Anna Gertrude. Reared in the faith of the United Brethren church, Mr. Riggs has been a member of that denomination for thirty-five years, the teachings of which have been the guiding influence of his life. He holds membership in the Odd Fellows lodge, and, believing firmly in a government for the people and by the people, has given stalwart support to the democratic party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. Never a politician in the usually accepted sense of the term, he has never sought nor desired public office. He has, however, been called to fill several important positions, but his election thereto was unsolicited on his part, being the expression of the trust and confidence reposed in his character and ability by his fellow citizens. He has always been interested in measures and enterprises affecting the community and having for their object its material, political, intellectual and moral advancement. Particularly has he been active in the development of live-stock interests which have been stimulated by his efforts and have profited by his labors. He has done much to raise the grade of stock in this state to its present high standard.

JAMES H. HELVERSON.

From the time of arriving at manhood James H. Helverson has been actuated by a desire to push ahead in the world, and by industry, sobriety and close attention to business he has in a large measure accomplished the object of his ambition, being now the owner of a valuable farm in Orono township. He was born in Louisa county, Iowa, in August, 1863, son of Henry and Jenny (Kemp) Helverson, both of whom were born in Coshocton county, Ohio. They came with their respective parents to Des Moines county, Iowa, the heads of both

families becoming identified with agricultural interests. Our subject's grandfather Helverson also taught school for a number of years and for two terms served as county clerk of Des Moines county. He passed away at the age of sixty-three years, his wife having died some years previously at the age of fifty. The mother of our subject was fifteen years old at the time of her marriage, her husband being six years her senior. Henry Helverson, like his father, taught school and also engaged in farming for six years, when he received the appointment to carry the mail from Des Moines county to Iowa city, continuing in this work for eight years. His next employment was in the mercantile business at Wapello, but after three years' experience as a merchant he sold out and returned to agricultural pursuits, in which he continued during the remainder of his life. He passed away in February, 1907, and his wife died one year later. Mr. Helverson was a man of good natural ability and received a thorough education at Mount Pleasant University, of which he was a graduate. He was greatly respected by those with whom he came in contact and made many friends by his gentlemanly address and kindly appreciation of the good qualities of others. There were the following children in his family: Josephine, now deceased; Alonzo, of Knoxville, Iowa; Stevens, of Montana; Octave and Emma, both of whom are deceased; Lillie, who died at the age of thirty-eight years; and James H.

Reared on the home farm under highly favorable conditions for the development of habits of industry, James H. Helverson received his education in the district schools, acquiring a good foundation for a general knowledge of his surroundings and of the world at large. He continued upon the farm until twenty-one years of age and then rented land for one year, after which he started out to see the world and was absent in the west for three years. Returning to Louisa county, he again engaged in farming as a renter. At the age of thirty years he was married and located in Conesville. In the meantime, he cultivated a farm belonging to his wife and after living upon that place for three years removed to Knoxville, Iowa, and engaged for a year in the butcher business. Being convinced that the farm held out superior inducements he disposed of his interests at Knoxville and purchased the Uncle Joe Nelson farm, which consists of four hundred and twenty-seven acres on sections 20 and 29, Orono township. He has devoted a great deal of time and energy to the improvement of this place, which now yields a handsome income upon the investment. In addition to the raising of cereals he handles stock, which he is able to place upon the market in first-class condition.

On the 20th of March, 1894, Mr. Helverson was united in marriage to Miss Cora Belle Maxwell, of Orono township, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Maxwell, a sketch of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Helverson, namely: Flossie M., born February 28, 1895; Dewey J., born May 1, 1898; and Ival J., born September 2, 1905.

Politically, Mr. Helverson is in hearty accord with the democratic party, and although he has not sought public office he has served to the general acceptance of the people of the community for six years as justice of the peace. He is a valued member of the Odd Fellows lodge at Columbus Junction and of the

Modern Brotherhood of America at Conesville. He is not connected with any religious denomination, but is friendly toward them all and is a liberal contributor to all worthy enterprises, assisting to the extent of his ability in adding to the comfort and happiness of his fellowmen.

PHILLIP WEISS.

Of good Teutonic ancestry, and therefore of plucky stock, Phillip Weiss of Goshen township has demonstrated his business ability and personal worth, and no man in this section is more sincerely respected. He is a native of Rock Island county, born April 22, 1861, and is a son of George and Elizabeth (Fuhr) Weiss, the father having been born in Germany and the mother in America. The parents were married in Illinois, and George engaged in farming in that state until 1876, when he removed to Muscatine county, Iowa, and purchased a farm in Goshen township, cultivating the same until his death, which occurred in 1910. He became the owner of four hundred acres of well improved land and was a patriotic citizen who assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing the best interests of his township. The mother still lives upon the old homestead. There were twelve children in the family, one of whom died in infancy. The others are: Catherine, who is the wife of George Stenum and is living near Lone Tree, Iowa; Lydia, at home; Barbara, now Mrs. Carl Timm, of Muscatine county; Mary, who died at the age of twenty-nine years; Margaret, of Muscatine county; Phillip, the subject of this review; Louisa, John, Clara and Emma, all of whom are living at home; and Christian, of Muscatine county.

Phillip Weiss was educated in the public schools of Illinois, and at fifteen years of age came with his parents to Muscatine county, Iowa, where as he grew up he was thoroughly instructed by his father in the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. At twenty-four years of age he married and began farming on his own account, purchasing eighty acres in Johnson county, Iowa, which he cultivated industriously for nine years, having greatly improved his place so that he was able to sell it for a good price. He then purchased a farm of two hundred acres in Pike township, which he improved and also disposed of at a profit. He next acquired a good property of two hundred acres, to which he has since added forty acres, so that now he is the owner of a beautiful farm of two hundred and forty acres in Goshen township, upon which he has made many improvements, bringing it up to a strictly modern standard. He also owns one hundred and sixty acres in Wapsinonoc township and a farm of equal area in Buchanan county, Iowa, and is developing these properties so that they are becoming more valuable every year. He has been very successful in raising and feeding hogs and cattle, understanding the business thoroughly and also being well versed in everything pertaining to marketing and farm managing.

On the 19th of February, 1885, Mr. Weiss was united in marriage to Miss Rosina D. Kaufmann, who was born in Muscatine county, January 3, 1861, a daughter of Andrew and Rosina (Ruchti) Kaufmann. The mother was born in Switzerland and the father in Prussia. Coming to Muscatine county they were

married here and Mr. Kaufmann engaged in farming in this county until 1866, when he removed to Cedar county. The mother passed away August 29, 1887, and the father eleven years later, on November 24, 1898. Their remains were interred in Duffe cemetery in Muscatine county. There were the following children in their family, namely: Rosina D., now Mrs. Weiss; Jane, wife of Matthew Klein, of Muscatine county; John, now living at Hazelton, Buchanan county; Wilhelmina, wife of J. W. Lenker, of Cedar county; and Sarah, wife of T. B. Furst, living in Muscatine county. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Weiss has been brightened by the arrival of eight children: Lydia D., who was born February 25, 1886; Andrew C., born January 27, 1888; Mary E., February 15, 1891; George W., October 20, 1893; Albert J., November 29, 1894; Walter F., December 7, 1896; Leonard P., September 16, 1899; and Lena R., June 6, 1901. All are living at home. They have all received liberal advantages of education, being able to read, write and speak both the English and German languages.

Mr. and Mrs. Weiss have been remarkably successful as home makers and no happier family is to be found in Iowa than that which gathers around the Weiss fireside. Independent in politics, Mr. Weiss has never sought public office, preferring to devote his energies to private affairs. He is, however, a sincere friend of education and has served most creditably as member of the school board for a number of years. He and his family are identified with the Lutheran church and are active in all good works of the neighborhood, thus promoting their own welfare and that of others.

BERNARD KOOK.

From very early times in the settlement of America by Europeans, Holland has contributed of her sons and daughters to this country and many of the leading families in the United States trace their lineage to the little country in northern Europe that has been redeemed from the sea. The characteristics of perseverance, patience, frugality and honesty possessed by the people of the mother country have been inherited by their descendants and have contributed in shaping the lives of many men and women in America.

Bernard Kook, whose name appears at the head of this review, is a native of Holland, born October 14, 1847, and is a son of Henry and Wilhelmina (Williams) Kook. The father, a farmer by occupation, was born in Holland in 1792 and departed this life in 1873 at the age of eighty-one years. The mother was also a native of Holland. There were eleven children in the family, two of its members coming to America, the subject of this review and his brother Henry, who located in Scott county, Iowa, north of the town of Walcott.

Bernard Kook was reared in the parental home and educated in the region where he was born, under his father's instruction becoming thoroughly familiar with farm work. He continued with his parents until he was twenty-three years of age and then bade farewell to familiar faces and scenes and set out to seek his fortune in the new world. He came direct to Scott county, Iowa, and began at once to work upon a farm, where he remained for fifteen years. By persistent

application and economy he was able to purchase land, which he cultivated until 1895, when he removed to the place he now occupies, near Durant. He is the owner of two hundred and forty acres in Wilton township, which he has brought to a high state of cultivation, so that it yields a handsome income. He specializes as a breeder of horses and owns two fine imported Percherons.

In 1876 Mr. Kook was united in marriage to Miss Dora Buckhouse, of Scott county, and to them seven children were born, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Henry, a farmer of Wilton township; John, who died at the age of eighteen years; Lewis, now engaged in farming in Muscatine county, Iowa; Frank and Elizabeth, at home; and Theodore, who died at the age of five years. The wife and mother passed away September 22, 1898, and was laid to rest in Wilton cemetery. In 1903 Mr. Kook was again married, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Maggie Moylan, the widow of Edward Moylan, by whom she had two children, James Edward and Mary Josephine. Four children have blessed the second union, two of whom died in infancy. The others are Ellen, now three years of age; and Florence, one year old.

Politically Mr. Kook gives his support to the democratic party. He has not sought public office but has served most acceptably as a member of the school board. He is a man of excellent character and affiliates with the Catholic church at Wilton Junction. Forty years ago Mr. Kook came to the United States and here he has met with the success which he merits because of his thorough application and undaunted perseverance. He has conquered many obstacles and is now enjoying the well earned fruits of his labors. In 1901 he paid a visit to his birthplace in Holland, but he has ever been content to make America his home.

JOHN M. O'BRIEN.

John M. O'Brien is one of the honored citizens of Muscatine county, who has not only attained success as a farmer, but by his public spirit and generosity has assisted many others on the road to prosperity. He was born in County Carlow, Ireland, October 31, 1830, a son of Michael and Anna (Maher) O'Brien. The father was born in the same county and came to America in 1847 on a sailing vessel which required eight weeks for the voyage. After spending three years in St. Louis he located in Muscatine county, Iowa, on the farm where the subject of this review now lives, renting land for one year before he began acquiring property in his own name. Politically he gave his adherence to the democratic party. From the time of reaching his manhood he devoted his attention to farming. He passed away in 1861. The mother was also a native of the Emerald isle and was there married, coming with her husband to America. She departed this life in 1864. There were seven children in the family: Dennis, a farmer of Muscatine island; Patrick, deceased; John M., our subject; Daniel, a farmer of Seventy-six township; Michael, of California; James, deceased; and Catherine, who died at twenty-two years of age.

John M. O'Brien was educated in Ireland and came to this country with his parents when seventeen years of age. After engaging in the quarry business on

his own account for a time, he began renting land in Seventy-six township, Muscatine county, in 1850, being then twenty years of age. He prospered in his farming, and in 1851 purchased a farm on sections 19 and 20. However, the stories of great fortunes acquired quickly in the gold mines aroused his interest and in 1854 he started for California. He proceeded first to Chicago, then to New York, and on by ship to the isthmus of Panama, where he paid ten dollars for a mule to carry him across to the western coast. From that point he took ship for the Golden Gate, landing at San Francisco. After a journey up the Sacramento river he went into the mountains and succeeded in securing enough of the yellow metal to enable him to make a good start as a farmer in Muscatine county. After the death of his parents he purchased the old homestead and at one time was the owner of four hundred acres of good farming land. He now owns two hundred and forty acres in one tract and forty-eight acres in another and is quite prosperous as a general farmer.

In 1864 Mr. O'Brien was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Byrne, and nine children, three of whom are now deceased, blessed the union: M. Francis, of Denver, Colorado; James Stephen and Anna Marea, both at home; John, a farmer of Seventy-six township; Agnes, at home; and Catherine. The beloved wife and mother was called away in 1901 at the age of fifty-eight years.

Mr. O'Brien has experienced a great deal of the pleasures and not a little of the sorrows of life, but he has always maintained a brave heart and stood for what he believed to be right and true. He is greatly beloved by his friends and by a wide circle of acquaintances in Muscatine county. Politically he is identified with the democratic party and in religious belief he has ever since his childhood been an adherent of the Catholic church, to whose teachings he yields devout assent.

JAMES T. COCKSHOOT.

James T. Cockshoot, a successful farmer and stockman of Muscatine county, who has been a resident of the county for more than fifty years, was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, March 11, 1848. His parents were Luke and Margaret (Walsh) Cockshoot, both of whom were natives of England. The father was born in Manchester in 1801 and received a good education in his native land. In 1832, after his marriage, he came to America and spent some time in the state of Ohio, where he taught school for five years. Being attracted to mercantile pursuits, he located in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he spent twenty-one years in the grocery business. In April, 1856, he removed to Muscatine county, Iowa, becoming identified with farming interests, and acquired three hundred and sixty acres. He was a well educated man and studied law after arriving in this country, being admitted to the bar in Pennsylvania and also in Iowa. He engaged to some extent in the real-estate business in Pittsburg and in Muscatine county. He departed this life in 1879, and his wife died in August, 1885, both being laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery. There were seven children in their family, two of whom are now living: Andrew, a farmer of Wilton township, Muscatine county; and James T., our subject.

James T. Cockshoot came to Iowa with his parents in 1856 and received his preliminary education in the district schools, while for one year he was a student in the public schools at Wilton. He grew to manhood on the home farm and early showed an inclination for agriculture and stock-raising which was prophetic of a successful career as a farmer. After the death of his parents he continued upon the family homestead and is now the owner of one hundred and eighty acres of well improved land. In addition to general farming he makes a specialty of breeding black cattle and his herd contains some of the finest specimens of the kind in this part of the state. As he uses good judgment and is thoroughly familiar with his work, he has gained a fine reputation as a breeder. He is known as an enterprising and public-spirited citizen and is identified with all movements of importance that seek to promote the permanent welfare of this part of the county.

RUDOLPH EHRECKE.

Rudolph Ehrecke, who passed away on the 23d of August, 1910, was successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and at the time of his demise owned one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Fulton township. It was in that township that his birth occurred, his natal day being June 18, 1856. His parents, Gottlieb and Johanna Ehrecke, both of whom were natives of Germany, are mentioned at greater length on another page of this work. Our subject remained under the parental roof until twenty-eight years of age, when he purchased eighty acres of the farm on which his widow and children now reside. As his financial resources increased, owing to his untiring industry and capable management, he extended the boundaries of his farm by an additional purchase of eighty acres, so that at the time of his demise he owned a quarter section of rich and productive land in Fulton township. In his labors as an agriculturist he displayed good business ability as well as unfaltering enterprise and was widely recognized as one of the substantial and esteemed citizens of the community.

On the 25th of December, 1882, Mr. Ehrecke was united in marriage to Miss Lena Kautz, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 21st of December, 1860, her parents being Christian and Christina (Bassler) Kautz, natives of Germany. After crossing the Atlantic to the United States they took up their abode in Michigan, in which state their marriage was celebrated. They came to Iowa at an early day, locating on a farm in Scott county, which Mr. Kautz operated until 1894, when he put aside the active work of the fields. He lived retired in Buffalo until 1907 and then removed to Blue Grass, where his demise occurred on the 8th of April, 1909, his remains being interred in the cemetery at Buffalo. His widow yet makes her home in Blue Grass. She is a member of the Lutheran church, to which her husband also belonged. Their children were nine in number, as follows: Frederick; Christ; Mrs. Ehrecke; Frank; Emma; Charles, who was born April 15, 1868, and died August 5, 1870; Mary; Edward, who was born on the 19th of June, 1873, and passed away September 16, 1905; and Edith.



MR. AND MRS. RUDOLPH EBERLE

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ehrecke were born four children, namely: William E., whose natal day was June 13, 1885, and who operates the old homestead farm; Alfred, born February 27, 1888, who likewise assists in the work of the home farm; Harry F., who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 5th of June, 1894; and Hulga C., whose birth occurred August 22, 1901.

Mr. Ehrecke was a democrat in politics but had no desire for political preferment. However, he served as a member of the school board for two years. His demise occurred on the 23d of August, 1910, and his remains were interred in the Blue Grass cemetery. He was a Lutheran in religious faith and his widow and children also belong to the church of that denomination. His actions were at all times upright and honorable and in the community where his entire life was spent he was widely and favorably known. His widow, a lady of many excellent traits of heart and mind, also enjoys an extensive acquaintance here.

ROBERT C. BLACK.

For almost six decades Robert C. Black has been a resident of Muscatine county, and in the years that have come and gone he has witnessed remarkable changes in the development, progress and improvement that has been carried on here. He is now living retired in Nichols and is justly accorded a place among the prominent and representative citizens, for he belongs to that class of men whose enterprising spirit has been used not alone for his own benefit, but has also advanced the general good and prompted public prosperity by his ably managed individual interests, thus placing this section of the country on a par with the older east.

Robert C. Black was born in Boone county, Kentucky, on the 20th of April, 1841, a son of Benjamin and Frances (Moore) Black. The father was also a native of Kentucky, while the mother claimed Virginia as the state of her nativity. In 1852 the family made the journey from Kentucky to Muscatine county, Iowa, with team and covered wagon and here the father entered land from the government, continuing to cultivate the same until his death, which occurred in 1888. His wife had preceded him to the home beyond, her death occurring in 1886. Unto them were born ten children, but only three of the number are now living, these being: Robert C., of this review; John, also a resident of Muscatine county; and Arthur L., who makes his home in Alabama.

Robert C. Black was reared in his native state to the age of eleven years, and his education, which was begun there in the common schools, was continued in the schools of Muscatine county. He remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, having in the meantime become thoroughly familiar with all of the hardships and experiences incident to life in a new country. At that time he started out to make his own way in the world, working first as a common laborer in Wisconsin. After a brief period spent in that state he returned to Muscatine county and operated rented land for a number of years. He was energetic and persevering, and, carefully saving his money, he was at length enabled to purchase land in Pike township. At first he had but a small

tract, but as the years passed he kept adding to his holdings until his possessions now embrace thirteen hundred acres of valuable land in Muscatine county. He continued to engage in general agricultural pursuits throughout a long period and in connection with his farming made a specialty of feeding hogs and cattle, which added materially to his annual profits. In 1897 he put aside his business cares and removed to Nichols, where he built a fine modern residence. He now merely gives supervision to his invested interests, still retaining possession of his farm lands, and he likewise owns a half block of ground in the village. In his business affairs he has ever displayed sound judgment and an ability to overcome all obstacles and difficulties that beset his path, and in this lies the secret of his success.

In 1873 occurred the marriage of Mr. Black and Miss Mary M. Johns, who was born in Muscatine county, September 8, 1849, a daughter of Hosea and Elizabeth (Nichols) Johns. Her father was born in Maryland, while her mother was a native of Ohio, but their marriage occurred in Muscatine county. Mrs. Black was the only child born of that union and by her marriage she has become the mother of three children, one son and two daughters. B. H., the only son, is a resident of Muscatine county. Nannie E., who was born May 1, 1879, became the wife of B. A. Kirchner, a merchant of Nichols, but departed this life on the 26th of March, 1901, when twenty-two years of age. Clara Bell, who was born in 1883, died in 1900, when but seventeen years old. Both were laid to rest in the cemetery at Nichols.

In his political views Mr. Black is a democrat but aside from serving as school director and as treasurer of the board he has filled no public office. He and his wife are Presbyterians in religious faith, but they now attend the Methodist church. In former years he led an extremely busy and active life, and the rest which he is now enjoying is richly merited, for it has come to him as the direct result of earnest and persistent toil.

W. A. NORRIS.

W. A. Norris, for seven years past a resident of Nichols, Iowa, having retired after many years of active and useful labor, was born in Ohio, November 1, 1841, a son of John W. and Mary (Adams) Norris, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Pennsylvania. They removed with their respective parents to Ohio early in life and were married in the Buckeye state, continuing there until 1852, when they took up their residence in Indiana, living there for two years. In 1854, not being satisfied with their new home, they returned to Ohio and in 1864 came to Iowa, settling on a farm of two hundred acres near Conesville, Muscatine county. Here the father lived for twenty-eight years, departing this life in 1892. The mother then made her home with a son at Conesville until her death. Their remains lie side by side in Conesville cemetery. They were both consistent members of the Christian church and by their lives set an example worthy of imitation by their children and all who would be useful and honored members of society. Their family included the following children: Sarah, the

widow of Alexander McCurdy, of Conesville; W. A., our subject; R. M., of Nichols; Rachel, the wife of Dallas Womsley, of South Dakota; A. J., of Utah, the widow of J. C. Summer; Clara A., the wife of Cass Wright, of the state of Washington; Mary E., the wife of William Young, of Portland, Oregon; Thomas E., of Nichols; Pauline M., the widow of Thomas McCoy, now residing in Louisa county, Iowa; Millie, the wife of James Magruder, of Johnson county, Iowa; Jacob, of Letts, Iowa; and A. J., who died in Indiana at the age of sixteen years.

W. A. Norris was educated in the public schools and remained at home assisting in the support of the family until he reached the age of twenty-three years, when he began farming upon his own account. To that occupation he devoted forty years of earnest effort, availing himself of modern methods and the latest improved machinery and thus conducting his business to the best advantage. He became highly successful in his calling and by a manly and straightforward course at all times made a host of friends in Muscatine and adjoining counties. In 1903 he retired to the handsome and commodious home which he owns in Nichols.

On February 26, 1864, Mr. Norris was united in marriage in Ohio to Miss Rebecca Jane Booth, who was also born there, a daughter of Robert and Mercy (Westlake) Booth, both of whom were natives of the Buckeye state. Mr. and Mrs. Booth came west in 1864 and continued for the remainder of their lives in Muscatine county. There were six children in their family: Sarah A., Mercy, Ella and Rebecca Jane, being deceased; Lydia; and Mary, who lives in Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Norris four children were born: L. W., born September 16, 1864, now a railroad blacksmith living in Colorado; J. M., born December 20, 1865, who is a farmer of Columbus Junction, Iowa; Annie, born October 8, 1867, the wife of Henry Masonholder, of Letts, Louisa county; and Charley, who was born December 20, 1868, and died at the age of four years. The mother of these children having been called away October 26, 1905, Mr. Norris was united in marriage May 1, 1907, to Mrs. Mattie E. Abbott, widow of B. F. Abbott, who was a charter member of the camp of Modern Woodmen of America at Nichols and the father of one child, B. F., born December 13, 1883, who is a graduate of a business college and is now living in Muscatine. Mrs. Norris is a daughter of Ferdinand and Lavina (Lofton) Victor, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Indiana. They were married in Illinois and came to Iowa, making their home for some time in Louisa county. In 1892 they moved to Kansas City, Missouri, and there the father died May 10, 1898. The mother is still living in Kansas City and has arrived at the age of sixty-eight years. There were the following children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Victor: Jefferson, a contractor of Kansas City; Ferdie, now identified with a rice plantation in Texas; Nelson, living with his mother; John, who died at the age of five years and is buried in Illinois; William, who died at two years of age and is buried at Pilot Junction; Ervie, who died at the age of three years and is also buried at Pilot Junction; Nettie, who died at the age of seven years and is buried at Kansas City.

Politically, Mr. Norris is a staunch supporter of the democratic party, but his wife is equally earnest in her advocacy of the principles of the republican party.

He has served as township clerk for six years and also as assessor of his township for three terms, performing his duties in such a way as to meet the approval of all irrespective of party. Fraternally he has been identified with Lodge No. 140, M. B. A., of Conesville, and of Lodge No. 352, M. B. A., of Adams. He is a member of the German Reformed church and Mrs. Norris holds membership in the Methodist Protestant church. She is also a member of Lodge No. 1271, Royal Neighbors, of Nichols. Mr. Norris is of a genial and friendly disposition and has done much in lifting the burdens of those with whom he has been associated, thus gaining recognition as a progressive and useful member of society.

CYRUS J. BAKER.

In the list of native sons of Muscatine county who have become successful farmers and stockmen must be included the name of Cyrus J. Baker, who was born on the farm where he now resides on the 28th of March, 1855. His parents, Harvey and Harriet (Freeman) Baker, were married in Indiana, of which state the mother was a native, but the father was born in Ohio. In 1845 they removed to Muscatine county, Iowa, and located on part of the farm in Fulton township now owned by Cyrus J. Baker. In the family were six children: George D., a resident of Muscatine; Frank, of Jasper county, Iowa; Mary E., the wife of George Gatton, of Boulder, Montana; Cyrus J.; Anna, who married Thomas Mallicoat, of Newton, Iowa; and Emma, who died at the age of five years. The mother passed away in April, 1894, and was laid to rest in Parr's cemetery and the following January the father was placed beside her.

Cyrus J. Baker's boyhood and youth was very similar to that of other pioneer boys. He attended the district schools of Muscatine county and assisted his father with the work of the farm, his duties and responsibility increasing from year to year. When he was twenty-one years old he leased the homestead and began farming for himself, continuing to cultivate his father's land until 1885, when he bought one hundred and sixty acres. He afterward sold forty acres of this but later added another one hundred and sixty, making his total realty holdings aggregate two hundred and eighty acres. His is one of the valuable farms of the county, and the improvements are all in good condition. He raises a fine breed of stock, making a specialty of the raising and feeding of cattle and hogs, and the well cultivated fields are given the careful supervision which results in abundant and profitable harvests. In addition to his landed interests in Iowa, Mr. Baker owns one hundred and sixty acres in North Dakota.

On the 30th of August, 1877, he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Mallicoat, a native of Indiana, who came to Iowa with her people, both of whom are now deceased. One child was born unto them, Roy, a resident of Fulton township, whose birth occurred on the 13th of June, 1878. On the 15th of March, 1880, Mrs. Baker passed away. Five years later, on the 16th of February, 1885, Mr. Baker was married to his present wife, Miss Lettie Watts, who was born in Iowa on the 3d of April, 1865. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth

(Ringsby) Watts. Her father, who was born in London, England, came to America in 1842 and located in Muscatine county, Iowa, where he met and married Miss Ringsby, a Virginian. After they were married the young people removed to a farm and continued to reside there during the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of eight children: Fannie, the wife of Walter Johnson of Muscatine county; Euphemia, who married Samuel Porter, of Guthrie county, Iowa; George, who is also married and is living in South Dakota; James, residing on the old homestead in Muscatine county; Rosa, wife of John Wunder, Muscatine county; Nellie, who married Andrew Wintermute, of South Muscatine; Mrs. C. J. Baker; and Pantha, who died in infancy. The mother passed away in 1884, but the father survived until 1890, and they are both sleeping in Blue Grass cemetery, Scott county, Iowa. At the time of their death Mr. and Mrs. Watts owned one hundred and twenty acres of finely improved land in Montpelier township, Muscatine county.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker had one child, Fannie, who was born on the 13th of June, 1889, and died on the 11th of the following October. Mrs. Baker holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. Mr. Baker is identified with the Masonic order, holding membership in Lodge No. 167, A. F. & A. M., at Wilton, Iowa, and the Modern Woodmen of America, his local affiliation being in Hillside Camp, No. 2470, at Blue Grass. Mr. and Mrs. Baker also belong to the Pleasant Prairie Grange of Fulton township. Ever since acquiring the right of suffrage, Mr. Baker has cast his vote for the candidates of the democratic party, although he does not take a particular active part in politics, not being an aspirant to public office. Both he and his wife are highly regarded in their community and have many friends to whom they extend the hospitality of their home.

THOMAS C. KILLION.

Thomas C. Killion, who is engaged in the livery business at Wilton Junction, and is known as one of its progressive citizens, is a native of Denver, Colorado, born October 29, 1867. His father, John Killion, was born in Rhode Island and his mother, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Doyle, is a native of one of the southern states. They were married at Davenport, Iowa, and later removed to Colorado, where Mr. Killion engaged for six years in the mining business. At the end of this time he came to Scott county, Iowa, and purchased a farm, which he cultivated until his death December 15, 1871. The mother is now living in Muscatine county at the age of sixty-five years. There were four children in the family: Ellen, now the wife of C. A. Rollands, of Muscatine; Frank, who lives with his mother; Mamie, the wife of Homer Hesselgesser, of Wilton Junction; and Thomas C.

At nine years of age the subject of this review began to provide for himself by working upon a farm, where he continued for six years. He had little opportunity for education as the waking hours of his youth were largely occupied in toil. After leaving the farm he was connected for ten years with the livery

business and then he spent six years buying and selling horses. Later he entered the livery business on his own account at Wilton Junction and is now at the head of one of the most complete establishments of the kind in the county. He also owns forty acres of land in Moscow township and a substantial residence in Wilton Junction, which he has acquired by wise foresight and good judgment.

On the 1st of April, 1886, Mr. Killion was united in marriage to Miss Laura Hesselgesser, a native of Wilton Junction and a daughter of David and Delilah (Shepard) Hesselgesser. Her parents were both born in Pennsylvania and are now deceased. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Killion, the eldest of whom died in infancy. Homer died at the age of five years, and John, whose natal day was October 8, 1889, is now living at home. The mother of these children having died, Mr. Killion was married August 13, 1907, to Miss Mary Reynolds, who was born at Muscatine in October, 1877. She is a daughter of Patrick and Margaret (Axline) Reynolds, her mother being a native of Iowa and her father of Ireland. Her parents have both passed away, the mother in 1883, and the father in 1903. There were three children in their family: Helen, now a resident of Wilton Junction; Hattie, now Mrs. Theodore Hazen, of Nichols, Iowa; and Mary. To Mr. and Mrs. Killion a son was born, but he died in infancy.

Mr. Killion gives his allegiance to the democratic party and fraternally is identified with Lodge No. 171, K. P., of Wilton Junction. He and his wife are members of the Catholic church. He has had many difficulties to overcome in the course of his life and he owes his present position of comfort and ease to an unalterable determination and a worthy ambition which has never yielded to discouragements. The lessons which he learned as a boy when striving for a foothold made a deep impression upon his mind and strengthened him for future conquests. He is recognized as a man of thorough integrity and is one of the responsible citizens of Muscatine county.

WILLIAM MARCHANT.

For nearly thirty years actively engaged in farming in Wilton township, William Marchant may be designated as one of the enterprising citizens of Muscatine county. From his youth upward he has been actuated by a worthy ambition and the well cultivated farm he now owns is one of the practical results of his efforts. He is a native of England, born January 7, 1851, and is a son of Charles and Caroline (Hawkins) Marchant, both of whom were born in England and spent their lives in their native country. They were the parents of nine children, one of whom, Jane, is deceased. David is living in Australia. Sarah is the wife of William Foster and lives in England. Charles, John, Allen, Jessie and George are also living in England.

The subject of this review, who was second in order of birth in this family, was reared under the favoring influences of a well regulated home and received his education in the public schools. At twenty-three years of age, believing that more favorable opportunities were available under the American republic, he

emigrated to this country, spending the first five years in Tompkins county, New York. In 1878 he arrived in Muscatine county, Iowa, and went to work upon a farm, applying himself with such diligence that in 1881 he was able to purchase the farm of eighty acres in Wilton township where he has since lived. He has made many improvements, including a comfortable dwelling, a large barn, outbuildings, fences, etc., and as a general farmer has attained a prosperity which is proof of good judgment and thorough acquaintance with his calling.

In 1881 Mr. Marchant was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Bailey, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Harrison) Bailey, who were of English descent. Mr. Bailey departed this life in 1890, but his wife is still living and makes her home at Wilton Junction. Mrs. Marchant was one of a family of seven children, and by her marriage she has become the mother of two: Joseph C., a graduate of Wilton College, now living at home; and Alice May, also at home.

Mr. Marchant is a stalwart republican and is now serving as township trustee, an office he has filled with general acceptance for the past six years. He is an earnest friend of the public-school system and has served for twelve years as member of the school board. He deserves much credit for what he has accomplished, having established a home through his own exertions and built up a reputation in the community as a patriotic and public-spirited citizen.

HAMILTON HAVELOCK FULLERTON.

Industry and sound judgment, combined with foresight, have enabled Hamilton Havelock Fullerton to become one of the representative farmers of Seventy-six township. He was born in Cumberland county, Nova Scotia, Canada, July 17, 1861, and is a son of James Edward and Cecelia Anne (Sexton) Fullerton. The father was born in the same county and in 1865 removed to Minnesota, where he lived for eighteen years, at the close of which period he settled in the city of Montevideo, that state. There he passed away in 1904. He devoted his life to farming interests. The mother of our subject was a native of Washington county, Maine, and the parents were married in the Pine Tree state. She departed this life in 1891. There were six children in the family: Ida and Ada, deceased; Henry A., now a farmer of Minnesota; Hamilton H.; Asa B., of Muscatine; and George D., of Wisconsin.

The subject of this review was brought by his parents to Minnesota when he was four years old and was educated in the common schools of that state. He grew up on a farm under the loving care of kind parents and became as a boy well acquainted with the various operations connected with agriculture and stock-raising. At twenty-six years of age he was attracted to the state of Iowa and worked on the farm of Phillip Wagner, of Letts. Later he bought eighty acres of land in Minnesota, which he sold, and eight years ago located on his present farm of eighty acres on section 29, Seventy-six township. Here he raises stock and grain and has met with excellent success in his various undertakings.

In 1888 Mr. Fullerton was united in marriage to Miss Cora E. Hidlebaugh, a native of Louisa county, Iowa, and to them seven children have been born: one who died in infancy; Edna M., now the wife of Floyd Holliday, of Louisa county; Vinnie B. and J. E., both at home; Arthur R., deceased; Ida M., at home; and Mildred E.

Mr. Fullerton belongs to that class known as self-made men, who are able to master difficulties and win a goodly measure of success. In his wife he has found a worthy assistant, who has been to him a loving companion and to her children a devoted mother. He is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and he and his wife are identified with the Rebekahs. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party and evidence of the confidence reposed in him by his neighbors and friends is presented by the fact that for four years he served most acceptably as assessor of Seventy-six township.

LOUIS DUGE.

Throughout his entire business career Louis Duge has given his time and energies to that pursuit which George Washington designated as "the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man." He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land in Fulton township and in its cultivation has met with a gratifying measure of success. His birth occurred in Scott county, Iowa, on the 21st of November, 1864, his parents being Louis and Dora (Hintze) Duge, both of whom were natives of Germany. They emigrated to the United States in early life and were married in Scott county, Iowa. They began their domestic life on a farm in that county and subsequently purchased and located upon a farm of one hundred and forty-six acres in Muscatine county. In the further cultivation and improvement of that property the father was busily engaged until 1898, when he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Stockton, where he lived in honorable retirement until called to his final rest on the 30th of May, 1908. The mother passed away December 10, 1906. Unto this worthy couple were born seven children, as follows: Louis, of this review; Emma, who is a resident of Stockton, Iowa; Augustie, who died in infancy; Annie, the wife of Jurgen Wagner, of Sioux county, Iowa; William, who lives near Stockton; Helen, who is the wife of Henry Jansen and makes her home in Madison county, this state; and John, who died at the age of sixteen years.

Louis Duge remained under the parental roof until twenty-five years of age, assisting his father in the operation of the home farm and thus gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. After starting out as an agriculturist for himself he was actively engaged in the cultivation of rented land for a number of years or until he had accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to invest in property of his own. On the 1st of May, 1910, he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Fulton township and has since brought the fields under a high state of cultivation. The property is lacking in none of the improvements and accessories



MR. AND MRS. LOUIS DUGE

of a model farm of the twentieth century and gives every evidence of the careful supervision of a practical and progressive owner.

On the 21st of February, 1890, Mr. Duge was united in marriage to Miss Alwine C. Broders, who was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 19th of November, 1867, her parents being Jacob H. and Margaret (Soenke) Broders, natives of Germany. They came to the new world about 1858 and were married in Scott county, Iowa. They established their home in Fulton township, where Jacob H. Broders carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1898, since which time he has lived retired in Durant. By his first wife, who passed away in 1884, he had six children, namely: Mrs. Duge; Jacob H., living in Fulton township; Ferdinand, who is a resident of Durant; Annie, the wife of Ferdinand Dittmer, of Fulton township; and Gustave and William, who likewise make their home in Fulton township. For his second wife Jacob H. Broders chose Miss Margaret Wick, likewise a native of Germany, by whom he had four children: Benjamin, living in Gladbrook, Iowa; Ida, the widow of Herman Thede; Herman, of Fulton township; and Evelyn, who died, the 26th of November, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Duge have four children, as follows: Ella D. M., who was born on the 24th of April, 1891; Arnold J., whose birth occurred December 26, 1894; Louis L., whose natal day was November 20, 1897; and Leonard B., who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 17th of April, 1899.

Mr. Duge is a democrat in politics but has never sought office as a reward for his party fealty. He is a member of the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to camp No. 2479, at Walcott, Iowa. He is also identified with the Modern Brotherhood of America at Stockton and has acted as president of camp No. 40 for three years. Mr. and Mrs. Duge have spent their entire lives in this part of the state and enjoy a wide and favorable acquaintance here.

MRS. DORA RICHTER.

Mrs. Dora Richter has for a number of years past been a resident of Wilton township, Muscatine county. She was born in Germany, March 17, 1862, and is a daughter of Claus Gieebelstien. Her father and mother were both natives of Germany and lived and died there.

At twenty years of age Mrs. Richter bade adieu to her home and friends and crossed the ocean to America, coming direct to Muscatine county, Iowa. Shortly after her arrival she was united in marriage to Henry Peterson, who departed this life in 1885. By that union one son, J. H., was born, who received an education in the common schools and is now in the United States naval service, being on board the cruiser Birmingham. He entered the navy eight years ago and being a young man of good habits and a laudable ambition has made a highly honorable record. In 1887 Mrs. Peterson was married to Claus Richter, who died in 1889. Two children blessed this union: Alma, who is now the wife of Henry Gluhm, of South Dakota; and Ruth, deceased.

Mrs. Richter is the owner of the homestead of eighty acres on section 23, Wilton township, and lives amidst scenes with which she has for years been

familiar and which are endeared to her by many tender recollections. Her personal worth receives due recognition, as she is a most estimable lady of intelligence and good judgment, and by her kindly and sympathetic nature she has made many friends in Wilton Junction and vicinity. Since girlhood she has been a member of the Lutheran church, and she is a valued worker not only in that organization, but in every undertaking that engages her interest and gives promise of promoting the comfort or happiness of those with whom she is associated.

ANDREW HEALEY.

There are many active and enterprising farmers in Seventy-six township, but it is doubtful whether a more efficient member of the farming community is to be found than Andrew Healey, whose name introduces this review. He has all his life been connected with agricultural and stock-raising interests and, having made a fair start early in life, has progressed steadily along the lines of his chosen work.

He was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 7, 1852, and is a son of Michael and Bridget (Makesy) Healey. The father was born in Kilkenny, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1847, making his home at Pittsburg for twelve years. In 1859 he decided to seek his fortune farther west and was attracted to Moscow township, Muscatine county. He was an ambitious and industrious man and became one of the successful farmers of the county. From his youth up he was a staunch supporter of the Catholic church and after becoming a citizen of the United States gave his allegiance to the democratic party. He died in 1896 and his remains were interred in St. Mary's cemetery. The mother of our subject was born in County Carlow, Ireland, within three miles of the spot which was the birthplace of her future husband, and they were married on the Emerald isle. She was called to her final rest in 1883, and was laid to rest beside her husband in St. Mary's cemetery. There were twelve children in their family: Anna Mary, the wife of John Speelman, of Adair county, Iowa; Kate, a member of the Sisters of Charity, at Elgin, Illinois; Thomas, who died at Creston, Iowa, in 1894; Andrew, our subject; James, of Fruitland township, Muscatine county; John, of Pike township; William, of Lake township; Clara, of Muscatine; and Frank and Edward, deceased; and two who died in infancy.

Andrew Healey received his education in the district schools and grew to manhood on the home farm, evincing a decided taste for agricultural pursuits, which gave abundant promise for his future. At eighteen years of age he went to Texas, where he remained for three years. However, he was attracted to his native county and at twenty-one years of age began farming on his own account in Moscow township, three years later removing to Seventy-six township, where he now lives. He has developed his farm from its wild state, has erected a commodious dwelling, barns and numerous outbuildings and made the place one of the most valuable properties of its size in the township. He added to the acreage from time to time as his resources permitted and is now the owner of five hundred and thirty acres on section 10, Seventy-six township, four resi-

dences and a blacksmith shop at Ivan. He is now feeding one hundred and forty-four head of cattle, two or three hundred hogs and has two or three hundred head of one-year-old steers which he will later feed for the market. He keeps a pure blooded Belgian horse and makes a specialty of fine cattle, being one of the most successful men in this line in the township.

In 1876 Mr. Healey was united in marriage to Miss Mary White, who was born in Muscatine, and ten children have blessed their union: Michael and John, both farmers of Seventy-six township; Anna and Kate, twins, the former being the wife of Edward Connell, of Wilton township, and the latter living at home; Clara, now Mrs. John Shumacher, of Des Moines, Iowa; Andrew, Jr., at home; Edward, who is a clerk in the employ of the Great Western Railroad, at Des Moines; Elizabeth, of Muscatine; and Mark and Marie, at home.

Mr. Healey is allied with the democratic party, and although he has not been a seeker for office has served with general acceptance as trustee of his township for three terms and also for several terms as a member of the school board. He is connected with the Catholic church and is also actively identified with the Corn Belt and Beef Productive Association of America. As a citizen he is patriotic and progressive and can always be depended upon to lend his support for the advancement of any movement that will forward the interests of the community.

THOMAS CASHMAN.

Among the sons of worthy Irish parentage living in Muscatine county is Thomas Cashman, who is the owner of a highly improved farm on sections 19 and 20, Seventy-six township, which he transformed from wild land to one of the most attractive places in the township. He was born in the same township, December 17, 1849, and is a son of Bartholomew and Mary (Forrest) Cashman. The father, who was a native of County Cork, Ireland, came to America, landing at St. Johns, New Brunswick, Canada, in 1820, and after living there for several years removed to Pennsylvania and later to Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky, finally locating on section 16, Seventy-six township, Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1847. This region was then mostly in its primitive state and much of the land still belonged to the government. He built a little log cabin with puncheon floor and clapboard roof, in which he began his career as a Muscatine county farmer. He was a man of great industry and perseverance and prospered to such an extent that in three years he built a comfortable residence, which is still standing and is owned by the subject of this review. Here the father lived until he passed away in 1895. Politically he was in sympathy with the democratic party. He was a faithful member of the Catholic church and assisted in organizing the first church of that denomination in Seventy-six township in 1856, donating an acre of ground for its location. His wife was born in County Cork, Ireland, but they were married in the United States in 1830. There were nine children in the family: Margaret and James, deceased; Elizabeth, the widow of John Shanahan, of Parnell, Iowa; William and Ellen, deceased; Henry, of Custer county, Nebraska; Johanna and Mary, deceased; and Thomas, our subject.

Educated in the country schools, Thomas Cashman was reared upon the home farm and continued with his parents until after reaching manhood. Desiring to become acquainted with the great world of which he had little conception, he went to the gold mines of California, where he remained for five years, gaining a great deal of experience amid strange scenes and in contact with strange men which it is impossible to acquire under ordinary circumstances. Having married when he was thirty years of age, he located on his present farm which was then wild land and upon which he has made all of the improvements, erecting a comfortable residence, commodious barns, outhouses and fences, constructing ditches and bringing the place, which now comprises two hundred and eighty acres, to a high state of cultivation. He is one of the most extensive feeders of cattle and hogs in Seventy-six township.

In 1880 Mr. Cashman was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. McCall and seven children were born to them: William B., now on the home farm assisting his father; James, a railroad man of Memphis, Tennessee; Nellie and Edwin, at home; Mary, a student in the school of The Immaculate Conception at Davenport, Iowa; Philip, who is also attending school; and Harry, at home.

Mr. Cashman has seen a great deal of the vicissitudes of life, especially in the mining camps of the west, and in the course of his business career has assisted in many ways in advancing the interests of those with whom he has been associated. Always actuated by worthy aims, he has attained a high place in the regard of the people of Seventy-six township and today no man is more sincerely esteemed. Politically he is independent, voting for the men he regards as best qualified for the office regardless of party affiliation. Religiously he gives his adherence to the Catholic church—the church of his parents.

PETER GREENWALD.

Peter Greenwald, a resident of Wilton township, now seventy-four years of age, has spent fifty-four years of his life in the United States and here attained a prosperity which is the direct result of his well applied efforts. Born in Germany, October 30, 1836, he is a son of Christopher and Margaret (Beeck) Greenwald. The parents were both natives of Germany and lived and died in the fatherland.

The subject of this review was educated in the public schools of Germany and after reaching twenty years of age, being moved by a laudable desire to see the world and also to advance his own personal interests, he came to America and made his home for twenty-eight years in Scott county, Iowa. He began by working as a farm hand for twelve and a half dollars a month and after continuing in this capacity for five years he rented land for twenty years. Having acquired sufficient capital, he purchased eighty acres in Wilton township, Muscatine county, which he proceeded diligently to improve, and as time passed he bought more land until he became the owner of a valuable farm of two hundred and forty acres, which is located on section 23, Wilton township. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs, which he delivers each year to the market.

He is recognized as a thorough farmer and good judge of stock and a competent manager, showing in his affairs an ability which reflects upon him the highest credit.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Greenwald was drafted for military service but, having recently arrived in this country, he did not believe it to be his duty to enter the army. Therefore, he hired a substitute, whom he was obliged to pay nine hundred dollars. He borrowed the money at ten per cent interest and, although it required some years to pay the debt, he resolutely persevered and succeeded in discharging it to the last dollar.

In 1864 Mr. Greenwald was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Hanson, who was born in Germany and came to America alone when a young woman. She was a daughter of Detlef and Gertrude (Serck) Hanson. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Greenwald, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Christ, now deceased; Minnie, who married Christ Neumeyer, of Nebraska; Dora, the wife of William Neumeyer, also of Nebraska; Anna, who married J. Fink, of Nebraska; Bernard and Frank, also of Nebraska; Amanda, the wife of George Hesler, of Nebraska; Emma, now Mrs. Frank Reed, of St. Louis, Missouri; and Daniel, in charge of the home farm. The beloved wife and mother died in 1886, and was laid to rest in Durant cemetery.

Mr. Greenwald is essentially a self-made man. He showed his spirit of independence early in his career by leaving home and friends in order to better his condition. He was obliged to borrow money to meet the necessary expenses of the journey but this he promptly repaid and he has been able to rear a large family and to assist each of his children in making a fair start in life. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party. He served two terms as supervisor and for ten years as member of the school board, showing a fidelity to his duties which greatly pleased those who were most interested. As a business man he has been energetic and wide-awake and now in the evening of his life enjoys the fruits of many years of earnest labor.

ANDREW FOLEY.

Among the citizens of Muscatine county who have passed away leaving many friends, to whom they were united by ties that could be severed only by death, may be named Andrew Foley. For many years he was closely identified with the farming interests of the county and became known as one of the leaders in a community made up of intelligent and progressive men and women, who here established their homes and devoted their best energies to the upbuilding of society. Mr. Foley belonged distinctly to the class that add to the wealth and standing of the locality where they live—a man of broad sympathies and sound judgment, who made friends wherever he was known and who always evinced the liveliest interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of those with whom he was associated.

He was born in County Wexford, Ireland, in 1830, and in 1848 emigrated to the United States, stopping at Boston, where for a number of years he worked

at his trade as a currier. On account of failing health it became necessary for him to seek other employment and accordingly, in 1865, he came west, locating in Seventy-six township, Muscatine county, Iowa, upon land now occupied by his family. From the beginning he was quite successful in farming and he became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land and gained a reputation as one of the substantial and progressive men of the township.

In 1865 Mr. Foley was united in marriage, at Boston, to Miss Mary A. Sweeney, a native of Boston and a daughter of Miles and Anna (Muldoon) Sweeney, both of whom were born in Ireland. Seven children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Foley: Margaret, Moses, Mary, John, Anna, Matthew and Agnes, all of whom are now at home except Moses, who is living in Colorado.

Mr. Foley died on the 8th of April, 1889, and the universal expression of regret throughout the region following the announcement of his death gave evidence of the profound respect in which he was held. Mrs. Foley and the children remained upon the farm and have since conducted the same along the lines so clearly marked out by Mr. Foley. The members of the family are all connected with the Catholic church, of which the father was also a member. Mrs. Foley has been a wise and loving mother and has many friends in Muscatine county, where she has made her home for forty-five years.

JOHN H. JAKEMAN.

John H. Jakeman, a well known and enterprising farmer and stock-raiser of Fulton township, still lives on the place where his birth occurred, his natal day being January 13, 1866. His parents, Frank and Margaret (Barth) Jakeman, both of whom were natives of Germany, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1850. The father worked as a farm hand by the month for several years and was then married, after which he purchased land of his own, being successfully engaged in its cultivation until the time of his retirement in 1890. The last seventeen years of his life were spent in well earned ease at Blue Grass, Iowa, where his demise occurred on the 8th of March, 1907, when he had attained the age of seventy-four years. At that time he owned three hundred and ninety acres of well improved and valuable land in Fulton township and in his passing the community felt that it had lost one of its most substantial and esteemed citizens. His widow, who still survives him, has reached the age of seventy-six years.

They were the parents of eleven children as follows: Carrie, the wife of James Dougherty, of Chicago; Chrissie, who gave her hand in marriage to John Hough and resides near Denver, Colorado; Andrew, living in Muscatine county, Iowa; Fred, who is deceased; John H., of this review; Minnie M., who lives on the old homestead farm; Agnes, the wife of Dr. Vandervier, of Blue Grass, Iowa; Frank, who makes his home in Dallas county, Iowa; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Ella, who passed away when nine years old; and Harry, who died at the age of five years.

When John H. Jakeman had attained his majority he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, wisely choosing as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared. Renting the old homestead place, he has since been busily engaged in its operation and in connection with the tilling of the soil also feeds and raises stock. He now owns an eighth interest in his father's estate of three hundred and ninety acres, which is still undivided. He has brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and improvement through the utilization of modern and progressive methods of agriculture and has gained a gratifying measure of success in his farming operations.

In politics Mr. Jakeman is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Blue Grass, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church. In the community where his entire life has been spent he enjoys the regard and esteem of a host of friends.

GEORGE DITTMER.

George Dittmer, the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Fulton township, has won excellent results in his undertakings as an agriculturist. It was on that place that his birth occurred on the 4th of August, 1873, his parents being Marx and Elizabeth (Feurbach) Dittmer, both of whom were natives of Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to the new world at an early day, the father locating in Scott county, Iowa, and the mother in Pennsylvania. At the end of a year, however, the latter also removed to Scott county, where she gave her hand in marriage to Marx Dittmer. The young couple purchased and located on a farm of eighty acres in that county, Mr. Dittmer devoting his attention to its operation for several years. After disposing of the property he bought one hundred and seventy-five acres of land in Muscatine county and was busily engaged in its cultivation until he put aside the active work of the fields in 1900. At that time he owned about twelve hundred acres of valuable land. For the past eleven years he has lived in honorable retirement at Walcott, Scott county, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. His wife was called to her final rest on the 25th of April, 1908. They were the parents of eleven children, as follows: Lena, the wife of August Wills, of O'Brien county, Iowa; Henry, who is married and lives in Scott county; Elizabeth, the wife of William Ihms, of Muscatine county; John, who is married and likewise makes his home in this county; Emma, the wife of Paul Harder, of Nebraska; George, of this review; Ferdinand, who is married and lives in this county; Delia, the wife of J. H. Broders, of Muscatine county; Agnes, who is the wife of Paul C. Riessen and lives in O'Brien county, Iowa; Leonard, who is still at home; and Tillie, who died in infancy.

George Dittmer remained under the parental roof until twenty-seven years of age, when he began farming on his own account, cultivating rented land for a period of eight years. At the end of that time, having accumulated the necessary capital by dint of untiring industry and economy, he purchased a farm of

one hundred and seventy acres in Fulton township, to the further cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his energies. The property is highly improved in every particular and returns to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 20th of June, 1900, Mr. Dittmer was united in marriage to Miss Emma Frick, a native of Scott county, Iowa, and a daughter of John and Lena (Speth) Frick, both of whom were born in Germany. They were married in Scott county on the 31st of January, 1860, and lived on a rented farm in that county for several years. They next purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land, Mr. Frick devoting his attention to its cultivation until the time of his retirement in 1898, when he took up his abode in Walcott. At the time of his demise, which occurred on the 13th of December, 1905, he owned two hundred acres of rich and productive land. His widow yet makes her home in Walcott. Mr. and Mrs. Dittmer have three children, namely: Edwin George, who was born on the 6th of October, 1901; Herbert Marx, whose natal day was September 9, 1904; and Lawrence Irwin, whose birth occurred on the 7th of June, 1910.

In politics Mr. Dittmer is a stanch democrat but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. The cause of education has ever found in him a stanch champion, however, and for several years he has acted as a member of the school board. He has remained in Muscatine county from his birth to the present time and the circle of his friends and acquaintances is a wide one.

JAMES A. CHAMBERS.

James A. Chambers, who devotes his time and energies to the pursuits of farming and stock-raising, is the owner of a tract of two hundred and thirty-two acres of rich and arable land in Pike township. His birth occurred in Jefferson county, Indiana, in 1855, his parents being George and Mary (Pagett) Chambers operated a farm near Muscatine belonging to Samuel Senate and a native of Baltimore, Maryland. Their marriage was celebrated in Jefferson county, Indiana, where they continued to reside until 1873, which year witnessed their arrival in Iowa. During the first year of his residence in this state George Chambers operated a farm near Muscatine belonging to Samuel Senate and later cultivated other land as a renter for a number of years. When his capital was sufficient to enable him to buy a farm of his own he purchased a tract of land and successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits until the time of his retirement. His remaining days were spent in well earned ease in the home of his son James, where his demise occurred in 1892. His wife, who survived him for ten years, passed away in 1902. They were the parents of six children, namely: Ellen, Harmon, Rachel, Nancy M. and Commodore, all of whom are deceased; and James A., of this review.

The last named started out as an agriculturist on his own account when twenty-one years of age, wisely choosing the occupation to which he has been reared. He was busily engaged in the cultivation of rented land for a number of years, thus gradually accumulating the capital which in 1892 enabled him to invest in a farm of his own. In that year he came into possession of a tract



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of two hundred and thirty-two acres in Pike township, the further cultivation and improvement of which has claimed his attention continuously since. In connection with the tilling of the soil he has made a specialty of handling stock and both branches of his business have proven profitable.

On the 30th of September, 1891, Mr. Chambers was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth N. Nolta, a native of Indiana and a daughter of H. H. and Maria (Pagett) Nolta. Mrs. Chambers was one of a family of twelve children, ten of whom are still living. She passed away December 12, 1902, and lies buried in Nichols cemetery. Unto our subject and his wife were born two children: May, whose birth occurred in 1892 and who died in infancy; and Harmon H., who was born June 15, 1894.

Mr. Chambers is a democrat in politics but does not seek office as a reward for his party fealty. He belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, being a member of Camp No. 4195 at Nichols, and is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, belonging to Lodge No. 664 at Nichols. He is also connected with the Rebekahs at Nichols. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which his wife was also a member. Mr. Chambers is widely and favorably known throughout the community, enjoying an enviable reputation as a substantial agriculturist and respected citizen.

WILLIAM DUGE.

William Duge, one of the worthy native sons of Muscatine county and a representative agriculturist of Fulton township, was born on the farm which he now owns and operates, his natal day being August 30, 1872. His parents, Louis and Dora (Hintze) Duge, both of whom were natives of Germany, crossed the Atlantic to the United States in early life. Their marriage was celebrated in Scott county, Iowa, where the father purchased a tract of land and began farming. In 1870 he disposed of his property in that county and bought and located on a farm in Muscatine county, being successfully identified with agricultural pursuits here until March, 1900, when he retired and removed to Stockton. At the time of his demise, which occurred on the 30th of May, 1908, he was in possession of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land. His remains were interred in Durant cemetery by the side of his wife, who had passed away December 10, 1906. Their lives were at all times upright and honorable and they well merited the regard and esteem which was uniformly accorded them.

William Duge was twenty-seven years of age when his father retired and left the home farm under his supervision. He has operated the place to the present time and has brought it under a high state of cultivation and improvement. The property is located near Stockton, in Fulton township, and the well tilled fields readily respond to the care and labor which is bestowed upon them. Mr. Duge owns eighty-five acres of rich and arable land and has long been numbered among the substantial and enterprising agriculturists of the community.

On the 30th of January, 1900, Mr. Duge was united in marriage to Miss Annie M. Soehren, whose birth occurred in Cedar county on the 28th of March, 1876, her parents being Christ and Dora (Krebs) Soehren, natives of Germany. The father came to America when thirteen years of age, while the mother was twenty years old at the time of her emigration to the new world. They were married in Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 10th of June, 1871, and spent the first two years of their married life in Scott county. They then went to Cedar county, where Christ Soehren purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, devoting his attention to its operation until the time of his demise, which occurred on the 18th of May, 1901. His widow has since resided on the old homestead place with one of her sons. They were the parents of five children, namely: John, who lives on the old homestead; Mrs. Duge; Minnie C., the wife of Peter Glaser, of Luverne, Minnesota; Christian, who is married and resides near the old home farm; and Margaret, who makes her home with her mother and brother John. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Duge were born three children, as follows: Leroy, whose birth occurred on the 24th of February, 1901, and who died on the 26th of November of the same year; William C., whose natal day was June 25, 1902; and Verna D., who was born August 17, 1908.

In politics Mr. Duge is a democrat and his fellow townsmen have called him to positions of public trust and responsibility. He has capably served as township clerk for four years and has been a member of the school board for a period of eight years. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Brotherhood of America, belonging to Lodge No. 40 at Stockton, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church, to which his wife also belongs. His lifelong residence in this county has made him widely known, while his sterling traits of character have gained for him the high regard of all with whom he has come in contact.

WILLIAM SCHEELHAASE.

Muscatine county finds a worthy and enterprising representative of its agricultural interests in William Scheelhaase, who devotes his time and energies to the operation of a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 23, Fulton township. His birth occurred in Germany on the 29th of January, 1878, his parents being Nicholas and Eliza (Peterson) Scheelhaase, who were likewise natives of that country. The father there passed away in 1892 but the mother still survives. Unto them were born nine children, two of whom are deceased and five of whom still reside in the fatherland. The two who emigrated to this country are Frederick and William, both of Muscatine county, Iowa.

William Scheelhaase spent the first twenty-six years of his life in his native land and crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1904. He was married in 1908 and since that time has owned and operated one of the best improved farms in Fulton township, the property lying in section 23. It comprises one hundred and sixty acres of land, all of which is tilled and under a high state of cultivation. In the careful conduct of his agricultural interests Mr. Scheelhaase

is meeting with success, annually gathering rich crops which find a ready sale on the market.

On the 21st of January, 1908, Mr. Scheelhaase was united in marriage to Mrs. Emma Lange, the widow of Herman Lange, who passed away on the 25th of March, 1901, leaving four children, namely: Freda, who was born December 8, 1896; Ella C., whose natal day was February 3, 1898; Edna A., who was born May 19, 1899, and died May 1, 1900; and Margaret M., whose birth occurred on the 20th of May, 1901. The parents of Mrs. Scheelhaase, Charles A. and Margaret (Stapp) Fredrich, were both natives of Germany and came to this country in early life. They were married in Illinois and soon afterward came to Iowa, locating in Muscatine county, where the father was engaged in the cultivation of rented land for a few years. He then purchased the farm which is now in possession of our subject, being successfully engaged in its operation until called to his final rest on the 11th of March, 1907. His wife passed away in 1893. Their remains were interred in the Blue Grass cemetery. Their children were eight in number, as follows: August J.; Mrs. Scheelhaase; William G.; Clara L., who died at the age of twenty-one years; John, who died in infancy; Charles H. P., who passed away when twenty-five years of age; Anna M. D.; Elizabeth, who died when but eighteen months old. Mr. and Mrs. Scheelhaase are devoted and consistent members of the Lutheran church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives.

ANDREW F. KOEPPE.

Andrew F. Koeppe, an enterprising and successful agriculturist of Fulton township, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Muscatine county and has spent his entire life within its borders. His birth occurred on the 29th of January, 1872, his parents being Charles and Rosa (Koschnople) Koeppe, who are natives of Germany and Bohemia respectively. They were married in this county and began their domestic life on a farm of eighty acres in Fulton township, to the further cultivation and improvement of which Mr. Koeppe has since devoted his time and energies. As his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred and eighty acres of rich and valuable land. Both he and his wife enjoy a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout the community, having won the regard and esteem of all with whom they have come in contact. Unto them were born fourteen children, nine of whom are yet living, namely: Kate, Carrie, Therese, Annie, Emma, Ida, Sadie, Otto and Andrew F.

The last named remained under the parental roof until twenty-five years of age assisting his father in the operation of the home farm and thus gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. On starting out as an agriculturist on his own account he rented a tract of land and has since been actively engaged in the work of the field, now operating a farm near Stockton in Fulton township. His thrift and industry are manifest in the neat and attractive appearance of the place and the well tilled

fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

In 1900 Mr. Koeppe was united in marriage to Miss Emma Lamp, who was born on the farm which our subject now operates, her natal day being August 20, 1878. Her parents are Hans and Louisa (Plambeck) Lamp, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Illinois. They were married in Iowa and took up their abode on a rented farm in Fulton township, Muscatine county, Mr. Lamp being busily engaged in its operation until 1887. In that year he purchased land and successfully carried on his agricultural interests until 1900, since which time he has lived in honorable retirement near Stockton. He still owns one hundred and seventy-three acres of well improved and productive land. Mr. and Mrs. Koeppe are the parents of four children, as follows: Louis, whose birth occurred on the 7th of July, 1901; Florence, whose natal day was December 6, 1903; Estella, born April 27, 1907; and Luella, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 28th of June, 1910.

Mr. Koeppe belongs to Walcott Camp, No. 2479, M. W. A., and is also identified with the Modern Brotherhood of America, being a member of the lodge at Stockton. He and his wife are well known socially here and have a large circle of warm friends who esteem them for their many excellent traits of character as well as for their hospitality and kindly spirit.

JOHANNES BROCKMANN.

Johannes Brockmann, a prosperous farmer and stockman of Muscatine county, is the owner of seven hundred and forty acres of valuable land in the state of Iowa and also has property in other parts of the country. His birth occurred in Holstein, Germany, on the 7th of August, 1856, his parents being Claus H. and Anna (Sindt) Brockmann, who were likewise natives of that country. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1881, settling on a farm of two hundred and forty acres in Scott county, Iowa, which the father operated successfully until called to his final rest on the 20th of July, 1898. The mother still lives on the old homestead in Scott county. Their children were seven in number, as follows: Wilhelmina, who is a resident of Grinnell, Iowa; Johannes, of this review; Henry, living in Scott county; Adolph, who makes his home in Colorado; Emil, residing on the old homestead place; William, who passed away at the age of twenty-one years; and one who died in infancy.

Johannes Brockmann spent the first twenty-six years of his life under the parental roof and then began the operation of a part of his father-in-law's farm, which he has cultivated to the present time. He and his wife are now in possession of the entire homestead place of two hundred acres and have added to their holdings by purchase until at the present day they own seven hundred and forty acres of rich and productive land in the state of Iowa. In connection with the tilling of the soil Mr. Brockmann has made a specialty of handling good grades of stock and feeds hogs for the market on an extensive scale. His property holdings include three hundred and twenty acres of land in Minnesota

and likewise a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Osceola county, Iowa, all of which is under a high state of cultivation and improvement.

On the 26th of January, 1881, Mr. Brockmann was united in marriage to Miss Louisa Stoltenberg, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 26th of January, 1857, her parents being Henry and Katrina (Lamp) Stoltenberg, natives of Germany. The father crossed the Atlantic to America in 1846, while the mother came to the new world a few years later. They were married in Scott county, Iowa, where Henry Stoltenberg purchased land and became identified with general agricultural pursuits, operating the same farm until the time of his retirement. He spent the last fifteen years of his life in Davenport, there passing away on the 28th of April, 1893. His remains were interred in the Oak cemetery of Davenport, as were also those of his wife, who was called to her final rest December 4, 1899. They were the parents of five children, namely: Mrs. Amelia Stahl, who is a resident of Davenport, Iowa; Mrs. Brockmann; Adolph H., living in Davenport; and Agnes and Henry, who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Brockmann have four children, as follows: Harry A., whose birth occurred April 23, 1884, and who pursued a course in agriculture at the Ames (Iowa) State College; Malinda, whose natal day was July 23, 1887, and who attended the Catholic academy at Davenport for two years; Louis, born June 20, 1890, who is a graduate of the Davenport Business College; and Hulda E., born November 1, 1893, who is a student in the high school at Davenport.

In politics Mr. Brockmann is a republican but his aspirations have not been in the line of office holding. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Lodge No. 312 at Walcott. He and his family belong to the Lutheran church and take an active and helpful interest in its work. Coming to the new world when a young man of twenty-five years, he has since worked his way steadily upward to a position among the most substantial and respected citizens of his community.

TONY T. BRUS.

Tony T. Brus, a well known and enterprising agriculturist of Fulton township, was born on the farm where he now resides, his natal day being September 5, 1871. The property is on section 24 and gives every evidence of his careful supervision. His parents, John and Minnie (Westerfield) Brus, are both natives of Germany. The father came to America with his parents in an early day and eventually took up his abode in Iowa. It was in Scott county that he wedded Miss Minnie Westerfield, by whom he had five children, namely: Joseph; Clara; Tony T., of this review; Henry, who died at the age of one and a half years; and Harry, who was but three years old at the time of his death. John Brus devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits for many years, thus winning the competence that in 1900 enabled him to put aside active business cares. For the past ten years he and his wife have lived in honorable retirement at Davenport, Iowa.

After mastering the branches of learning taught in the district schools Tony T. Brus pursued a course of study in the Wilton Business College. After putting aside his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the fields until twenty-nine years of age, when he started out as an agriculturist on his own account. Since that time he has successfully managed the old homestead farm in Fulton township, annually gathering and marketing good crops.

On the 2d of October, 1900, Mr. Brus was united in marriage to Miss Nora Beh, a native of Muscatine county and a daughter of Henry and Mary (Stecker) Beh, who were of German parentage and still reside on a farm in this county. They had six children, as follows: Frank; Mary; Barbara; Mrs. Brus, and two who are deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Brus have been born three children: Clarence, whose natal day was May 7, 1902; Henry A., whose birth occurred on the 21st of September, 1904; and Ella, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 3d of December, 1908.

Mr. Brus is a democrat in politics and has ably served in the capacity of township trustee for two years. He has likewise acted as treasurer of the school board. Both he and his wife are faithful communicants of the Catholic church and enjoy an extensive acquaintance throughout the county in which they have spent their entire lives.

HANS ANDERSON.

Among the old residents of Stockton must be named Hans Anderson, who has been living in Muscatine county, Iowa, for more than a quarter of a century. He was born in Denmark on the 25th of December, 1857, and is the son of Anders and Ellen Christina (Ulucksen) Christensen, also natives of Denmark. They were the parents of eleven children, five of whom are still living and three came to the United States: Christ, a resident of Moline, Illinois; Hans, our subject; and Frederick, deceased. The parents spent their entire lives in Denmark, the father dying at the age of eighty-five years and the mother at eighty-one years of age.

Hans Anderson spent the earlier years of his life in his native land, where he acquired his education, but while still little more than a youth he felt strongly impelled to come to the United States in order to satisfy himself regarding the wonderful stories he had heard about the opportunities that were here afforded to young men of limited resources. So crossing the Atlantic he arrived in the land of opportunity on the 6th of October, 1879, and went to Moline, Illinois, where he engaged in blacksmithing. He worked in a factory for a short time and then accepted a position in a shop at Durant, Iowa, but two years later he bought the blacksmith shop he now carries on in Stockton and in addition to this he also owns a general repair and wagon shop, doing a very large business as this is the only shop in the village.

On the 4th of August, 1882, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Frederick Bierkamp, who was born in Germany in 1863 and is a daughter of August and Johannah Bierkamp, both natives of the fatherland, in which country

they lived up to the time of their death. They were the parents of nine children who were as follows: Louisa, a resident of Minnesota; William, living in Durant, Iowa; Charley, also residing in Durant; Dora, the wife of Henry Steffen, of Durant; Fredericka, wife of Hans Anderson; August, of Sunbury, Iowa; John, a resident of Durant, Iowa; Augusta, who married Henry Brant, of Reinbeck, Iowa; Minnie, the widow of Henry Fitzer, of Hartley, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have become the parents of six children: Christ, who is twenty-five years old, a graduate of the high school and a rural route mail carrier in Muscatine county; August, twenty-three years of age, who resides in Des Moines, Iowa; Minnie, twenty-one years of age, living at home; Hilda and Harry, twins nineteen years of age, the latter now deceased and the former the wife of Gus Jost; and Walter, living at home.

The family attend the Lutheran church in which the parents hold membership. Ever since acquiring the right of suffrage Mr. Anderson has voted the democratic ticket. He takes a very active interest in local politics and is now a member of the city council of Stockton and has also served on the school board for three years. He is fraternally connected with the Modern Brotherhood of America, his local affiliation being with Lodge No. 40 of Stockton, Iowa, in which he has served as treasurer and chaplain. He is also a member of the Stockton Sick and Relief Society and of the Walcott Sick and Relief Society, being at one time banner carrier in the Sick and Relief Society of Stockton. His chief asset when he arrived in the United States was an abundance of courage, which was ever sustained by his unflinching belief in his own ability to accomplish his purpose, and never at any time has he regretted becoming a citizen of the new world.

DAVID PAGE KELLEY.

The farming interests of Muscatine county are ably represented by David Page Kelley, of Sweetland township, who ever since his earliest recollection has been intimately identified with agriculture and stock-raising. By natural talent and by training he is specially adapted to the pursuit which is his life work and few men of his age in the county have been more successful.

Born in this county, September 11, 1870, he is a son of Samuel C. and Frances (Eastman) Kelley. The father was a native of Maine, born in 1826, and became a resident of Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1861, locating on section 36, Sweetland township, where he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land. He prospered as a farmer and became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of as rich land as is to be found in the township. While he devoted close attention to his farming interests, he was also prominent in public life and held a number of responsible offices in his township. He was called from earthly scenes in 1902, at the age of seventy-six years. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel C. Kelley, all of whom are now living: C. B., of Texas; George E., of Vinita, Oklahoma; Fred L., also of Vinita; Fannie, who married Douglas Terry, of Rockford, Illinois; Nettie, now Mrs. Harry Dickerman; and David P., our subject.

Reared upon the home farm, David P. Kelley received his preliminary education in the district schools of Sweetland township, later attending Norton Academy at Wilton Junction. After laying his books aside he returned home and in 1895 became a partner of his father on the home farm. He is now the owner of four hundred acres of land in Sweetland township, his farm being one of the best developed properties in the locality. The improvements include a commodious residence, barns, etc., and a complete outfit of modern machinery to facilitate the work in the fields. Under good management the place has become highly profitable.

In 1895 Mr. Kelley was married to Miss Minnie Shilling, a daughter of Henry Shilling and to this union four children have been born: Paul David, Bernice, Hildegard and Doris Elizabeth. Mr. Kelley has always taken a deep interest in his work and is ever on the lookout for improved methods and better facilities. He is in charge of a farm of which any man might justly be proud. His life has largely been directed toward advancing the happiness of those with whom he has associated and he is justly regarded as one of the useful and progressive members of society.

OTTO FITCHNER.

The agricultural interests of Muscatine county are represented by many of its most substantial citizens among whom may be named Otto Fitchner, the owner of a farm of three hundred and seventeen acres which he has developed into one of the valuable landed possessions of Montpelier and Sweetland townships. A native of Steubenville, Ohio, he was born October 13, 1851, a son of John C. and Lavinia (McCarty) Fitchner, the former of whom was born at Wittenberg, Germany, June 6, 1819, and the latter in Washington county, Pennsylvania. The father was a cigar-maker by trade and came to the United States about 1838, living for several years in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he worked at his trade. Later he removed to Steubenville, where he continued for twelve years, and then, believing that more favorable opportunities were presented west of the Mississippi river, came to Muscatine, Iowa, April 9, 1855. After working at his trade in town for a year he engaged in farming for a year at Letts and then purchased forty acres of land in Montpelier township, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1904.

Otto Fitchner received his education in the public schools and as a boy was taught by his father the importance and value of labor. At twenty-one years of age he began working on his own account upon a farm in Cedar county, Iowa, and four years later returned to Muscatine county and purchased forty acres of land. Subsequently, desiring to see more of the country, he traveled for two years, but in 1881 returned to this county and has since made good use of the opportunities here presented, being now the owner of a beautiful farm provided with all modern conveniences, so that it produces a handsome yearly income. He engages in general farming and appears to be highly successful in every department of the business which he undertakes. His judgment is seldom ques-



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tioned in matters pertaining to agriculture or the raising or marketing of live stock.

In 1882 Mr. Fitchner was united in marriage to Miss Mary Louise Staffelbach, a native of Madison county, Illinois, and a daughter of Henry and Rebecca Staffelbach, now of St. Louis. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Fitchner: Henry C., of Sweetland township, who married Annie Junge and has one child, John C.; Archie E., deceased; William O., at home; and Freddie Stuart, also deceased.

Mr. Fitchner became a resident of Iowa fifty-five years ago and has been closely connected with the state during an important period in its growth from the pioneer stage to a position as one of the leading commonwealths of the union. He belongs to that reliable and progressive citizenship which has assisted so materially in introducing the conveniences and comforts of modern life and in establishing the farm upon a substantial and permanent basis as the foundation from which the wealth of the country flows. Although now retired from active labor Mr. Fitchner's interest in the work to which he has devoted so many years of his life is as keen as ever. His judgment and ability are recognized by his neighbors and he is now most acceptably serving as assessor of the township. Politically he gives his adherence to the republican party. He is not a member of any secret or fraternal society, but has many warm friends irrespective of party organization, who recognize in him those qualities that are most desirable for the advancement of the interests of society.

LEONARD SCHLAPKOHL.

The business interests of Stockton find a worthy representative in Leonard Schlapkohl, who is conducting a successful mercantile enterprise, and since 1900 he has also served as the efficient postmaster of this city. He is a native of Scott county, Iowa, born on the 1st of October, 1880, and is a son of Joachim and Elizabeth (Deitz) Schlapkohl, both natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to the new world in the early '50s and located in Pennsylvania. They spent but one year in the Keystone state and then removed to Scott county, Iowa, where the father purchased land and engaged in farming throughout his remaining years, his death there occurring in 1884. The mother is still living at the age of sixty-eight and now makes her home with her son Leonard. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children, of whom seven still survive.

Leonard Schlapkohl was reared on the home farm in Scott county and the training which he there received has served as a splendid foundation for the practical duties of life. He received his preliminary education in the common schools and later pursued a course in a business college. When he attained his majority, about 1902, he came to Stockton and opened a mercantile establishment, handling a general line of goods. He has built up an extensive patronage, for he studies the demands of the public and is thus able to meet their needs, and this, combined with his modern methods, push and square dealing, has constituted the basis of his success. In addition to his other interests he is also serving as postmaster of

the city, having received appointment in 1900. He is a most courteous and obliging official and discharges his duties in a satisfactory manner to the general public.

In 1902 Mr. Schlapkohl was married to Miss Clara Moeller, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, January 23, 1882, a daughter of Ernest E. and Laura (Wiese) Moeller, who were likewise natives of Scott county, but the mother is now deceased. The father still survives and makes his home in Stockton. Mrs. Schlapkohl is one of a family of nine children, all still living, and by her marriage she has become the mother of three children, Leroy L., Erwin V. and Verna L.

Mr. Schlapkohl gives his political support to the democratic party and on that ticket was elected to the mayoralty of Stockton, which position he filled for four years, while for eight years he served as secretary of the school board. His fraternal relations are with Walcott Lodge, No. 312, K. P., and also with Stockton Lodge, No. 40, Modern Brotherhood of America. His success in all his undertakings has been so marked that his methods are of interest to the commercial world and investigation into his history shows that he has based his business principles and actions upon strict adherence to the rules which govern economy, industry and unswerving integrity. He is a typical American in every sense of the word and by constant exertion and good judgment has raised himself to a position which classes him with the successful men of his section of Muscatine county.

HENRY T. SPRINGMEIER.

Henry T. Springmeier, who is busily engaged in the operation of an excellent farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Fulton township, finds agricultural pursuits both profitable and congenial. His birth occurred in Scott county, Iowa, on the 21st of November, 1862, his parents being J. H. and Katherine (Heckle) Springmeier, both of whom are natives of Germany. They were married in Scott county, this state, and took up their abode in the town of Buffalo, where Mr. Springmeier worked at the cobbler's trade for a few years. He then turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, purchasing the farm of ninety acres in Scott county which has remained his place of residence continuously since. As his financial resources increased he extended the boundaries of the farm by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred and ten acres of highly improved and valuable land. He has attained the age of eighty years and is spending the evening of life in well earned ease. His wife is sixty-nine years old. They reared a family of eight children, as follows: Henry T., of this review; Laura, Bertha, Sophia, Mary and Caroline, all of whom are residents of Scott county; Edward, who makes his home in Minnesota; and Victoria, living in Scott county.

Henry T. Springmeier remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age, assisting his father in the operation of the home farm and thus gaining practical knowledge of the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. Starting out upon an independent career, he purchased eighty acres of land

in Fulton township, Muscatine county, to the further cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his attention. His holdings at the present time include one hundred and sixty acres and the well tilled fields annually yield bounteous harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. With an aptitude for successful management, he has so directed his affairs that most gratifying results have followed and today he ranks among the progressive agriculturists of Fulton township.

On the 12th of April, 1887, Mr. Springmeier was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Schlapkohl, a native of Scott county and a daughter of James and Elizabeth (Deitz) Schlapkohl, both of whom were born in Germany. They were married in Scott county, Iowa, and lived on rented land for a few years. On the expiration of that period Mr. Schlapkohl purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres, operating the same successfully until called to his final rest in March, 1884. His widow continued to reside on the farm for several years after his death and then went to live with her son at Stockton, where she still makes her home, having now attained the age of sixty-seven years. She became the mother of nine children, namely: George; Emma; Charles; Mrs. Springmeier; Lena; John; Delia; Theodore, who was born in July, 1878, and passed away in September, 1881; and Leonard, living in Stockton. Mr. and Mrs. Springmeier have eight children, as follows: Florence L., whose birth occurred on the 21st of February, 1888; Marie A., who was born August 26, 1889; Warren A., whose natal day was April 3, 1891; George H., whose birth occurred April 27, 1893; Adelia E. and Amelia E. twins, who were born on the 28th of June, 1895; Gertrude A., who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 19th of April, 1900; and Helen L., whose birth occurred January 28, 1907.

Mr. Springmeier gives his political allegiance to the democracy and is now ably serving as township trustee, having held that office for the past twelve years. The cause of education is benefited by his efforts as a member of the school board, on which he has served for five years. For several terms he likewise did efficient service in the capacity of road supervisor. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Walcott, the Modern Brotherhood of America at Stockton and Pleasant Prairie Grange of Fulton township. He and his family are faithful communicants of the Catholic church. In social circles Mr. and Mrs. Springmeier occupy an enviable position by reason of their estimable qualities of mind and heart and also because of their cooperation in every good work and beneficial movement in which the community is interested.

FREDERICK N. BOCKWOLDT.

Frederick N. Bockwoldt, the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Fulton township, is widely recognized as one of the substantial agriculturists and worthy native sons of Muscatine county. His birth occurred on the 31st of October, 1866, his parents being Peter M. and Christiana (Schnare) Bockwoldt, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father emigrated to the United States in the '60s, while the mother crossed the Atlantic

a few years prior to that time. They were married in Scott county, Iowa, and following that important event in their lives purchased forty acres of land and began farming. Peter M. Bockwoldt devoted his attention to the further cultivation and improvement of that property throughout the remainder of his active business career, adding to his holdings by purchase from time to time until he owned three hundred and twenty acres of valuable land in Fulton township, Muscatine county. The last years of his life were spent in honorable retirement at Durant, Cedar county, where he passed away in December, 1905. His wife was called to her final rest in December, 1889. They were the parents of ten children, namely: Dora, the wife of Charles Fritz, of O'Brien county, Iowa; Frederick N., of this review; Bernhard, who is a resident of South Dakota; Minnie, the wife of Fritz Hermann, of Minnesota; Elizabeth, who gave her hand in marriage to Jacob Ohlsen and makes her home in O'Brien county, Iowa; Amanda, the deceased wife of Henry Biercamp, of Cedar county; Charles, who lives on a part of the homestead farm; William, of Cedar county, Iowa; Tillie, the wife of Albert Ohlsen, of Scott county, Iowa; and one who died in infancy.

Frederick N. Bockwoldt attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the operation of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. When twenty-six years of age he undertook the entire management of the old homestead and has since operated the farm, coming into possession thereof in 1904. He now owns one hundred and sixty acres of highly improved and valuable land in Fulton township, which annually yields rich crops and thus provides him with a gratifying annual income.

On the 8th of March, 1893, Mr. Bockwoldt was united in marriage to Miss Lena Ruhser, a native of Scott county, Iowa, and a daughter of Hans and Margaret (Stahl) Ruhser, who were born in Germany. They crossed the Atlantic about 1870 and were married one year after their arrival in the new world. They made their home in Davenport, Iowa, for seven years, Hans Ruhser there working in a sawmill. On the expiration of that period he rented a tract of land and during the remainder of his active business career was identified with farming interests in Scott and other counties. Since the 1st of March, 1910, he has lived retired in Durant, Cedar county, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, as follows: Mrs. Bockwoldt; Peter, who is a resident of Cedar county, Iowa; Emma, who died at the age of one and a half years; Bertha, the wife of Ferdinand Blochs, of Cedar county, this state; John, who died when but nine months old; Henry, living in Cedar county, Iowa; Albert, who makes his home near Round Lake, Minnesota; and Alma, the wife of Jacob Grage, of Cedar county, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Bockwoldt had six children, namely: Alfred, whose birth occurred April 18, 1894, and who is now attending high school; Linda, born in November, 1896, also a high school student; Wilma, who was born in June, 1897; Emma, who first opened her eyes to the light of day in July, 1899; and two who died in infancy.

In politics Mr. Bockwoldt is a democrat, supporting the men and measures of that party by his ballot. For a period of eleven years he has served as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias, belonging to Lodge No. 265 at Durant. His entire life has been spent in Muscatine county and that his career has ever been upright and honorable is indicated by the fact that his staunchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

WILLIAM DAVISON CONE, M. D.

Dr. William Davison Cone, whose demise occurred on the 1st of December, 1899, was for many years successfully engaged in the practice of medicine at Conesville. His birth occurred in Coshocton county, Ohio, on the 17th of March, 1838, his parents being Beebe S. and Lucinda (Davison) Cone. His great-grandfather, Stewart Beebe, served in a Massachusetts regiment during the Revolutionary war. At the time of his death our subject was survived by two brothers, namely: James W., an attorney of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, who is the present state senator from Minnehaha county; and Dr. Jared E. Cone, of Youngstown, Ohio, who died on the 24th of August, 1905.

William D. Cone obtained his education in the public schools of his native county and at West Bedford Academy. In November, 1854, he came to Muscatine county, Iowa, with his parents who settled on a large tract of land in what is now Orono township. Here he continued to reside, with the exception of several short intervals, until called to his final rest. Becoming identified with educational interests, the first school over which he presided was a log structure in the Oaks district in Cedar township, where he taught in 1859-60. Subsequently he was engaged in teaching in the Oakland district in Louisa county for two terms—1860-1 and 1862-3. In the fall of 1863 he was elected supervisor from Orono township in order to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Silas Ferry. He served with the board at their meetings in November and December and resigned in January, 1864. On the 1st of December, 1863, he became a member of Company B, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, remaining in the service of the Union until February, 1866. He joined the regiment at Vicksburg, Mississippi, in February or March, 1864, and accompanied Banks on his expedition up the Red river. While working on the dam at Alexandria, Louisiana, he became ill and was taken to the general hospital at Mound City. In July, 1864, he was brought home by his mother, who had gone south for that purpose, and remained in her care until December, when he was ordered to report at the hospital at Keokuk, Iowa. There he was assigned to duty in the commissary department and when hostilities had ceased the closing of the hospital was entrusted to him.

Having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he studied with Dr. H. T. Cleaver, of Keokuk, and in 1867 was graduated from the medical department of the State University of Iowa. He entered Bellevue Medical College of New York in the fall of 1867 and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1868. Locating for practice at Columbus, Ohio, he there remained until

May, 1870, when he returned to Muscatine county. He practiced at West Liberty from August, 1870, until March, 1871, and then came to Conesville, this place remaining the scene of his professional labors throughout the remainder of his life. His ability and skill in the line of his chosen calling were constantly manifest in the excellent results which attended his efforts for the alleviation of human suffering and the restoration of health.

On the 7th of June, 1870, Dr. Cone was united in marriage to Miss Kate F. Lord, a daughter of Richard Lord. They had two children, namely: Edna Lucinda, born March 20, 1871, who is now Mrs. Samuel W. Field, of Kimberly, Minnesota; and William Lord Cone, born November 7, 1874, who died at Conesville on the 6th of August, 1899. The mother, Mrs. Kate L. Cone, still resides in Conesville.

Dr. Cone took an active part in local politics and was a staunch republican, upholding the principles and defending the policies of that party. He was very fond of reading and thus kept well informed on all questions of general interest. His demise, which occurred on the 1st of December, 1899, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, his funeral being the largest ever witnessed in the community.

WILLIAM HENDRIX.

William Hendrix first opened his eyes to the light of day in a pioneer home and early became familiar with the experiences that were inseparable from life upon the frontier. He now occupies a beautiful modern country home in Seventy-six township and is one of the highly respected citizens of Muscatine county. He owes his success mainly to his own undaunted perseverance. He was born in Wayne county, Indiana, May 21, 1838, and is a son of H. D. and Thediria (Willets) Hendrix, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Indiana. In 1838 H. D. Hendrix started out prospecting to find a home for himself and family. He rode westward to Iowa and stopped for a time in Muscatine county, returning to Indiana on the same horse with which he made the outward journey. Bridges were few in those days and roads were in many places almost impassable at certain seasons of the year. However, Mr. Hendrix was greatly pleased with the outlook in Muscatine county, and in 1843 he brought his family to this region and purchased a squatter's claim, later entering three hundred and twenty acres in Seventy-six township, where he built a log cabin, which his family occupied for several years and then moved into a comfortable frame house. The father was born August 27, 1804, and departed this life June 7, 1893. The mother passed away in 1848, five years after her removal to Iowa. There were seven children in the family, four of whom are still living.

William Hendrix was educated in the common schools and reared upon the home farm. After arriving at manhood he began farming on rented land, but just as he was fairly started he felt that his country needed his services and accordingly he enlisted in Company F, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteers, to serve in behalf of the Union for a period of three years. His regiment was assigned to

the Army of the West and he participated in a number of hard fought skirmishes, being finally discharged at Nashville, Tennessee. Laying aside the accoutrements of war he returned to Muscatine county and after his marriage purchased a farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres, later buying more land until he now owns three hundred acres on sections 28 and 27, Seventy-six township. He has made many improvements, erecting buildings, setting out fruit and shade trees and thus adding to the attractive appearance of the place. He now has one of the best farms in the township and is making a specialty of raising and feeding stock.

In 1866 Mr. Hendrix was united in marriage to Miss Charlotte R. Willits, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, daughter of Charles G. and Rachel (Thorton) Willits. Mr. Willits was born in Ohio, January 12, 1820, and his wife in the same state, May 15, 1820. He went to Mercer county, Illinois, in his boyhood, and there they were married. Later he removed to Henry county, Iowa, where he followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1896. Mrs. Willits departed this life in 1860. There were seven children in their family, six of whom are still living.

Eleven children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix: Charles H., of Cedar township; Norbury T., now a druggist of Columbus Junction, Iowa; Leslie B., of Louisa county, Iowa; Stella B., the wife of Edgar Robertson, of St. Francis, Kansas; Walter W., a civil engineer of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Edwin C., now in the employ of the Northwestern Railway Company, of Marshalltown, Iowa; Levi D., of Henry county, Iowa; Rachel N., who was born October 31, 1885, and died March 13, 1887; Wilmot C., now assisting his father upon the farm; Ledru H., a student in school at Ames, Iowa; and Rachel Novella, who died in infancy.

Mr. Hendrix, since arriving at man's estate, has been identified with the republican party and is a staunch supporter of its candidates and principles. His neighbors and friends recognize his ability and have elected him to several township offices. For seven years he served most acceptably as trustee of the township and for twenty years as member of the school board. He and his wife are connected with the Methodist Episcopal church and are active workers in all movements that aim to promote the welfare of the township or county.

W. H. STEPHENS, M. D.

Dr. W. H. Stephens, who is meeting with well merited success in the practice of his profession at Stockton, was born in Laporte, Indiana, June 13, 1858, and is the only son born of the marriage of S. R. and Clarissa (Church) Stephens, the former likewise a native of Indiana, while the latter claimed the Keystone state as the place of her nativity. The mother was of English descent, but the family has been represented in America since about 1700. In 1868 the father left his native state and removed to Clinton county, Iowa, where he spent one year, after which he removed to Des Moines and there lived during the succeeding two years. He then took up his abode in Davenport, but after spending a

decade in that city removed to Rock Island, Illinois, and there his remaining days were passed, his death occurring in the latter city in 1898. The mother survived for several years, her death occurring in Fresno, California, in 1906.

Dr. W. H. Stephens remained under the parental roof until he had reached the age of twenty-five, having in the meantime accompanied his parents on their various removals and acquired his education in the schools of the different localities in which they resided. Having decided to enter the field of medicine, to this end he went to Chicago and became a student in the Bennett Medical College of that city, graduating from that institution in 1883. He then located for practice in Rock Island, Illinois, remaining in that city for three years, while for four years he practiced his profession in Durant, Iowa. In 1892 he came to Stockton and opened an office, practicing here for five years. He then for a time abandoned the profession and traveled on the road for five years. However, he found the practice of medicine more to his liking and at the end of that period once more returned to Stockton, where he has been engaged in practice of his profession to the present time. He ever keeps in touch with the advancement that is being made by the medical fraternity through reading and research and is most successful in the handling of his cases, his practice having now grown to large and profitable proportions.

In 1886 Dr. Stephens was united in marriage to Miss Anna Beck, of Muscatine, and this union has been blessed with one daughter, Verna. In his political views the Doctor is a republican, but aside from informing himself on the current events of the day through broad reading, he takes no active interest in public affairs. He holds to high ideals not only in his profession, but in citizenship and in social relations, thus commanding the warm esteem and genuine admiration of all with whom he comes in contact.

GEORGE HALLING.

George Halling is a successful farmer of Sweetland township, where he was born May 25, 1863, his parents being William and Frederika (Neimier) Halling. The father was a native of Germany, born in 1813. He was educated in the public schools and after laying his books aside struggled for a number of years with adverse circumstances. Finally deciding to seek his fortune in America he came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1849, and after looking over this region, settled in Sweetland township. At the time of his death, in 1906, he was the owner of one thousand acres of land. He was highly successful as a farmer and being a man of bright mind and many noble characteristics, he was greatly esteemed by a wide circle of friends. He was a faithful member of the German Lutheran church and politically gave his allegiance to the democratic party. His wife was also a native of Germany and they were married in the fatherland, coming together to this country. To them nine children were born: Louis, now a resident of South Dakota; William, of Perry, Iowa; Christian, deceased; Henry, of Perry, Dallas county, Iowa; Mary, who married Harvey



GEORGE HALLING AND FAMILY

Tunison; Louisa, who married Frank Gray, of Wilton Junction; George, our subject; Edward August; and Frederick, deceased.

George Halling received his education in the district schools and after laying his books aside continued to assist his father upon the home farm. At the age of twenty-three years he began farming on rented land, and later went to Box Butte county, Nebraska, where he continued for five years. Not finding conditions as favorable on the plains as in his native state, he returned to Muscatine county and engaged in farming upon his father's place until 1905, when he removed to section 14, Sweetland township, where he still lives. He is the owner of three hundred and thirty-three acres of land, and, having inherited much of the ability of his father, he has made a gratifying success of his chosen calling.

On the 13th of September, 1897, Mr. Halling was united in marriage to Miss Clara A. Baer, who was born in Montpelier township, this county, and they have become the parents of three children, namely: Irma, now in school; Vernon G.; and Fred Francis. Mrs. Halling is a daughter of Charles G. and Christina (Funfstuck) Baer, who were born, reared and married in Germany, coming to this country in 1881. They are still residents of Montpelier township, where Mr. Baer owns and operates a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres. Four children were born to them: Ida, now the deceased wife of Ed Halling, of Sweetland township; Clara A., the wife of our subject; Martha, the widow of Fred Halling; and Fred, at home.

Mr. Halling gives his adherence to the democratic party and holds membership in the German Lutheran church, of which he is an earnest worker and supporter. He is a good friend of education and is a member of the school board of his district, using his influence in securing the best teachers that are available. Genial in manner and pleasing in address, he makes friends readily and is today a leading citizen of the community—a man whose personal influence is always exerted in favor of law and order and whose voice may be counted upon to uphold whatever is right and true.

EMERY E. SISSEL.

Emery E. Sissel, a native son of Muscatine county, was born on the farm where he now lives in Fulton township on the 25th of February, 1870, a son of William and Virginia (Chambless) Sissel. The parents were married in Iowa, but the father was a native of the Buckeye state and the mother of Virginia. In 1855 they located on eighty acres of land which they had bought in Fulton township. It contained no improvements whatever with the exception of a log house, in which the young couple lived for fifteen years and where the older members of the family were born. They were the parents of eleven children: Frank, who now resides in Nebraska; Eveline, the wife of George Daum, of Kansas; Martin, living in Greenfield, Iowa; Jessie, the wife of William McGarvey, of South Dakota; Nora, a resident of Kansas; John, who lives in Nebraska; Julia, who married Alec MacDonald and lives in Illinois; William,

living in Muscatine county; Hattie, the wife of William Endicott, of Alabama; Emery E.; and another son who died at the age of two and one-half years. The father passed away in October, 1878, but the mother survived until the 23d of April, 1909. They were both buried in Parr's cemetery, Fulton township.

The early years of Emery E. Sissel were very similar to those of other boys who are reared in the country. He attended the district school, assisted with the work of the farm and in his leisure indulged in the sports and pastimes in which most lads delight. On the 23d of May, 1895, he was united in marriage to Miss Ella Lanz, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 25th of July, 1875. Her mother, also a native of Scott county, was born on the 22d of June, 1853, of English parentage, but her father was born in Germany and came to the United States in 1859 at the age of fourteen years. They were married in Davenport, Iowa, in 1870 and immediately after their marriage located on a farm. At the present time they are living in Jasper county, Iowa. Unto them were born seven children: Rose, born on the 18th of August, 1871, the wife of Joseph Stecher of Jasper county; May, born on the 11th of March, 1873, the wife of August Schuman, of Jasper county; Mrs. E. E. Sissel; Myrtle, born October 3, 1881, who married Charles Haugh of Polk county, Iowa; Herman, born August 10th, 1885, a resident of Jasper county; Colen, born on the 6th of May, 1886, also a resident of Jasper county; and Grace, born on the 14th of January, 1890, the wife of George Ellen, of Jasper county. Mr. and Mrs. Sissel have three children: Henry, born April 30, 1896; Herman, born on the 8th of May, 1898; and Earl, born on the 27th of September, 1903. The family attend the Presbyterian church, of which denomination the parents are members

HANS FOHRMANN.

In the long list of the brave boys whom Iowa sent to the front in those dark days in the '60s stands the name of Hans Fohrmann. The son of Hans and Anna (Legers) Fohrmann, both natives of Germany, he was born in the fatherland on the 2d of November, 1840. His parents spent their entire lives in the old country, the mother dying at the age of fifty-five years, but the father had passed the eighty-fifth milestone in life's cycle before he died. They had six children, three of whom are living and have become residents of the United States, as follows: Hans, our subject; John, who resides in Marshalltown, Iowa; and Anna, who has been twice widowed, her first husband being Tice Hanson and her second Henry Worth.

Hans Fohrmann spent the first twenty-three years of his life in the land of his nativity and there he acquired his education. He early became convinced, however, that the United States offered such advantages to young men as could not be obtained elsewhere and, crossing the Atlantic ocean, he landed on American soil on the 27th of August, 1863. He came west to Davenport, Iowa, obtaining employment on a farm by the month and after several years he engaged to work by the day on the railroad. He pursued the latter occupation for several

years, but at length met with an accident which caused him to sacrifice his right leg.

Mr. Fohrmann had not yet acquired the full rights of citizenship, having been a resident of this country less than two years, when in order to show his allegiance to the country of his adoption he volunteered his services in the cause of the Union. In January, 1864, he enlisted in the Twentieth Iowa Infantry under General Smith and went to the front with his regiment. Later he was transferred to the Twenty-ninth Iowa Infantry and served with this regiment until the close of the war, when he was honorably discharged and returned to Iowa in August, 1865.

In that year Mr. Fohrmann was united in marriage to Miss Mary Wise, a native of Iowa, her parents both being deceased at the time of her marriage. One child was born to them in 1881, Anna, now the wife of Henry Houghtman of Davenport, Iowa, but the mother died when her little daughter was only one year of age. Mr. Fohrmann was again married in 1890, his second wife being Mrs. Annie Mier, the widow of James Mier, but she too passed away in 1905.

Two years ago Mr. Fohrmann took a trip through the north and west and while away bought a farm of ninety acres in South Dakota, but continues to make his home in Stockton, where he has lived for many years and has many friends. Ever since granted the right of suffrage he has given his party allegiance to the republicans, but while he always fulfills his obligations as a citizen by casting a ballot at every election, he has never been an office seeker.

JOHN S. HITCHCOCK.

John S. Hitchcock, the owner of a well improved farm in section 33, Lake township, is known as one of the substantial men of Muscatine county. He has devoted his entire life to agricultural and stock-raising interests and years ago secured a foundation for financial independence in the ownership of good Muscatine county land which has yielded to him abundant annual returns. Having been thoroughly trained as a farmer in his youth, he avoided the mistakes made by many who started under less favorable conditions and his progress has been without serious interruptions.

He was born on the farm where he now lives, July 2, 1859, and is a son of John P. and Emily L. (Adams) Hitchcock, the former a second cousin of John Quincy Adams, of Massachusetts. The father was born in Ohio and came to Muscatine county in 1846 during the pioneer period, entering land and devoting his undivided attention to his farm. He passed away August 10, 1881, his beloved wife departing this life July 26, 1882. Nine children were born to them, of whom five are now living: Lola E., the wife of Captain G. W. H. Lucas, of Kansas; Anna, now Mrs. William Riggs, of Muscatine county; John S., our subject; Emma L., the wife of F. D. Wood, of Muscatine county; and Edward, of Lake township, Muscatine county.

John S. Hitchcock began his education in district school and later attended high school and a business college at Davenport. He early became well acquainted

with agriculture and stock-raising under the direction of his father. Arriving at twenty-one years of age, he rented the home farm which he cultivated successfully for several years, then purchasing a farm on section 34, Lake township, where he lived for thirteen years. At the end of that period he sold his farm and purchased the old home place, where he has since continued. He has added to his original property holdings until now he is the owner of three hundred acres in Lake township, which he cultivates with great success. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding all kinds of stock and as he is well informed as to the markets, he generally commands a very fair price for what he has to offer. He is a lover of fine horses and has a number of them at all times upon his farm.

In 1883 Mr. Hitchcock was united in marriage to Miss Abbie P. McCloud, a native of Lake township and a daughter of David and Phoebe (Chattaway) McCloud. Her father was a native of Ohio but her mother came from England and located in Muscatine county in the early days. There were eight children in their family. One son, Bion H., has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock, and he is now attending the State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa, and is a young man of high promise.

Mr. Hitchcock gives his allegiance to the democratic party and has been honored by the voters of his township by being elected as trustee and school director. He and his wife are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church, to which they are contributors. He also holds membership in the Modern Brotherhood of America, and the esteem in which he is held by his brethren is indicated by the fact that he has filled all the chairs in the local lodge. Active and efficient in everything he undertakes, he has gained the confidence not only of his neighbors and friends but of a wide circle of acquaintances throughout the county.

SAMUEL McNUTT.

Fifty-six years ago Samuel McNutt, of Muscatine, came to Muscatine county and for more than a third of a century, until his retirement from active affairs, was prominently identified with the county and state. At the time of his death, which occurred January 10, 1911, when he had reached the age of eighty-eight years, he was one of the most honored citizens of Muscatine county and in comfort was enjoying the relaxation which should accompany the closing years of a useful life.

He was of Scotch-Irish descent and was born in the north of Ireland, twenty miles west of Londonderry, November 21, 1822, a son of Samuel and Hannah (Stuart) McNutt, both of whom were natives of Ireland. The father, who was a farmer, spent his entire life in County Donegal, his death resulting in 1836, when he was about fifty-five years of age, from injuries sustained by being thrown from a runaway horse. The mother came with her children to America and after a brief stay in Philadelphia settled in Newcastle county, Delaware. For forty years she devoted her energy to the education and interests of her children and had the happiness of seeing them all honorably settled in life. She

came west to Muscatine and died December 24, 1874, at the age of eighty-five years. She and her husband were members of the Presbyterian church.

Patrick McNutt, the paternal grandfather of our subject, married Mary Stevenson and lived to the age of eighty-five years. There were four children in their family, one son and three daughters, the names of the latter being Mary, Jane and Nancy. Mary lived to be one hundred and five years old. The maternal grandfather was Robert Stuart, who emigrated from Scotland to Ireland on account of church persecution.

Samuel and Hannah McNutt were the parents of seven children, three sons and four daughters, all of whom are now deceased except Hannah, the widow of William H. Hazlett, of Muscatine. The second son, Robert, became an eminent physician in Louisiana and at the outbreak of the Civil war, being a Union man, narrowly escaped with his life to the north, losing all his property in Louisiana. Governor Kirkwood appointed him assistant surgeon of the Thirty-eighth Iowa Infantry. The third son, James, was also a strong Union man and for more than a year was in charge of the medical departments at Fort Jackson and Fort St. Philip, below New Orleans.

Samuel McNutt was reared upon the little farm in Delaware where his mother established a home for her family. Books were few and his early training consisted largely of such knowledge as he could secure from the catechism, the Psalms of David, the Proverbs of Solomon, Scott's Martyrs and Weem's Life of Washington. He very early gave evidence of literary talent and contributed poems to the Temperance Star of Wilmington, Delaware, which attracted the attention of Dr. J. S. Bell, of Newark, one of the professors in Delaware College. It was largely through the assistance of Dr. Bell that Mr. McNutt was able to secure a literary education. During his college days he contributed to Peterson's Magazine, Neal's Gazette, Godey's Lady's Book, the Saturday Courier and other publications. After leaving college he engaged in teaching and at the same time studied law under the direction of Hon. Daniel M. Bates, who was then secretary of the state of Delaware. In 1850, being then twenty-eight years of age, Mr. McNutt removed to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and was there admitted to the bar, beginning practice in that city. Just as he was fairly launched in his professional career he received an urgent call from the south and accepted a professorship in a collegiate institute at Hernando, Mississippi, where he continued from 1852 to 1854.

However, he yielded to a desire to travel northward and in 1854 gave up his position and located in Muscatine county, Iowa. Two years later he was made principal of the first ward public school in Muscatine and the same year he associated with D. F. Wells, principal of the third ward school, as editor of the first educational magazine in Iowa, called The Voice of Iowa and published by Dr. Enos of Cedar Rapids. About the close of the year he purchased a half interest in the Muscatine Enquirer and became its editor. He was also associate editor of the Dubuque Herald from 1856 to 1859, the paper being under the management of Joseph B. Dorr. Up to the outbreak of the war Mr. McNutt had been a democrat and a supporter of Stephen A. Douglas, but when the southern states began to secede he came out strongly for the constitution and

the administration of Abraham Lincoln and upon request of friends started the Daily Evening Union to counteract the influence of the Herald, which sympathized with the cause of the south. The publication of the Evening Union was discontinued in about a year with heavy financial loss and Mr. McNutt became one of the editors of the Dubuque Times. In the fall of 1862 he moved his family to his farm in Muscatine county, having determined to enter the army, but in 1863, while recruiting for the Eighth Cavalry, he was nominated and elected by the republicans of Muscatine county as representative to the tenth general assembly of Iowa and afterward was twice reelected to that position. At the close of his third term in the lower house he was elected without opposition to the senate for a term of four years. He made a splendid record in the legislature and was one of the pioneers in the introduction of bills for the control of railroad corporations. He secured passage through the house of the bill to drive "wild cat" currency out of Iowa and was chairman of the committee to investigate the Fort Madison penitentiary in 1872, writing the report which prevented the state from paying a claim of prison labor contractors amounting to forty-seven thousand dollars. In this report it was recommended that a new penitentiary be erected at a point where rock could be quarried, the new penitentiary at Anamosa being the result of this recommendation. In 1872 he was a candidate for state treasurer upon the republican ticket and received a very large vote but was not elected. He was prominent in the Grange movement and was the author of the monster petition signed by seventy thousand Iowa farmers asking the legislature to regulate the railroad charges. On August 13, 1890, Mr. McNutt was appointed by President Harrison as consul to Maracaibo, Venezuela, but after a brief residence at the capital of the South American republic he found the climate too severe and resigned, returning to his home. He served most acceptably as city judge of Muscatine in 1894 and 1895 and in many ways demonstrated unusual ability and fidelity as a public officer.

On April 14, 1857, Mr. McNutt was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Lucas, of Portsmouth, Ohio, a daughter of William Lucas and a niece of Robert Lucas, ex-governor of Ohio. In August, 1889, while Mrs. McNutt was visiting her son in Nebraska, she was taken ill and died. The children of the family now living are: William L., living near Ord, Nebraska, who married a Miss Brand and is the father of one daughter, Zona; Robert S., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this review; and Samuel, who is now a practicing dentist in Des Moines, Iowa. The sons were all graduated from college.

For twenty years Mr. McNutt was an officer of the Muscatine County Agricultural Society. He was a member of the Scotch-Irish Society of America and also of the Presbyterian church. He joined the Washingtonians as a boy and was a lifelong advocate of temperance. He was identified with the Odd Fellows from 1851, with the Union League from 1861 and with the Patrons of Husbandry from 1872. As a pioneer of Iowa Mr. McNutt witnessed the marvelous transformation by which the vast region west of the Mississippi river has been made the abode of millions of human beings. He participated in the exciting times of the Civil war and noted the world-wide changes that have taken place on account of that great event. He was an active and successful factor in promoting the interests of his adopted state and at all times a willing supporter of

every beneficent cause. Broad-minded and progressive, he ably performed his part as a leader in a commonwealth whose citizens are noted for their intelligence and high character. It was by such men that the foundations of the American republic were laid and through such men the republic has been preserved.

E. E. MOELLER.

E. E. Moeller has been identified with the business interests of Stockton for a number of years, being engaged in the grain business here, but he is also well known in the county as an agriculturist, for he successfully followed farming for a long period. He is a native son of Iowa, his birth having occurred in Scott county on the 28th of March, 1858. His parents, Gotthardt and Mary (Westfall) Moeller, were both natives of Germany, whence they emigrated to America about 1850, first locating in New Orleans, where they remained for two years. Subsequently they continued their journey to the middle west, making a permanent location in Scott county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming and made his home until the time of his death in 1900. The mother survived his death for about three years, when she, too, was called to the home beyond. Their family numbered six children but the second in order of birth is deceased, as are also Herman and the youngest, George. Those living are: Charles, a resident of Scott county, Iowa; Anna, the wife of Albert Warner, also of Scott county; and E. E., of this review.

E. E. Moeller remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority but in the meantime had been accorded good educational advantages, his early education, acquired in the common schools, having been supplemented by a college course. Thus well qualified for the responsibilities of life, he started out to make his own way in the world, choosing as his occupation the work to which he had been reared. He rented land of his father, carrying on agricultural pursuits very successfully for eight years. At the end of that period, in 1890, he removed to Stockton and engaged in the grain business. Seeking still a broader field, after a few years' identification with the grain business, he then engaged in buying and selling stock and in this venture he likewise met with success. In 1910, however, he once more turned his attention to the grain business and is now acting as manager of the Farmers Elevator Company of Stockton. His honorable dealing and cordial manner have won the favor of the public and he has come to be numbered among the progressive and representative business men of his section of the county. He is also the owner of sixty acres of valuable farming land on section 4, Milton township, and he likewise owns three hundred and twenty acres in Minnesota.

In 1880 Mr. Moeller chose as a companion and helpmate for the journey of life, Miss Laura Wiese, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, a daughter of Hans and Trena Wiese, both of whom were natives of Germany, whence they came to America in an early day and settled in Scott county, Iowa. There they spent their remaining days, both passing away in that section of the state. The marriage of

Mr. and Mrs. Moeller was blessed with nine children, as follows: Augusta, the wife of Emil Paarmaan, of Scott county; Clara, the wife of Leonard Schlappkohl, a merchant of Stockton; Laura, the wife of C. Anderson, a resident of Stockton; Amiel, who is a graduate of Brown's Business College at Davenport, and is now located at Lake Park, Iowa; Leonard, who is also a graduate of Brown's Business College and is now in Harris, Iowa; Herbert, who likewise graduated from that college and is at home; Edna, at home; and Elvira and Ernest, Jr., who are also under the parental roof. The wife and mother departed this life on the 12th of October, 1907, and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Walcott.

In his political views Mr. Moeller is a democrat, giving stalwart support to the party. He has taken an active and helpful interest in public affairs, having for several years served as mayor of Stockton, during which time he performed his duties in this connection in a most capable and businesslike manner. For several years he likewise served as township clerk and trustee and also did good work as a member of the school board. His fraternal relations connect him with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Knights of Pythias lodge in Walcott, and in the latter organization he has filled all of the chairs. Perhaps the highest tribute that can be paid Mr. Moeller is that he has been successful in all of his undertakings and that he has so discharged his duties as a citizen, as a business man and as a public official as to merit the confidence of those who know him best.

JULIUS WELSCH.

The subject of this sketch is one of Muscatine county's most respected citizens—a position he has earned by exceptional business ability and those estimable social characteristics that attract friends and strengthen the bonds of fellowship. Endowed by nature with abundant capacity, he has made good use of his talents and opportunities and in agriculture and stock-raising has built up a reputation which is not confined to the limits of Muscatine county.

He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, October 18, 1847, and is a son of Frederick and Catherine (Keirsh) Welsch. The father was a native of Prussia, Germany, where he was born in 1803. He grew up in the fatherland, continuing there until 1844, and although he had acquired a competence he decided to spend the remainder of his days under the protecting folds of the stars and stripes. He brought with him to this country ten thousand dollars in gold, a portion of which he invested in a farm of two hundred acres in Ohio. Being attracted further westward, he came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1867, and located in Sweetland township, being at the time of his death the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and forty-seven acres. There were ten children in his family, three of whom are now living.

Julius Welsch gained his early education in the district schools of the Buckeye state and assisted his father in the work of the farm, coming with him to Muscatine county. He was twenty years of age when he arrived in Iowa and he lost no time in preparing for his life work. After hiring out for wages to neigh-



JULIUS WELSCH

boring farmers for three years he rented eighty acres, which he later increased to three hundred and twenty acres, engaging extensively as a stock-raiser. After becoming a landowner he steadily increased the size of his holdings and he is now the owner of four hundred and ninety-eight acres in Muscatine county, five hundred and fifty-five acres in Rock Island county, Illinois, and also half owner in four hundred acres of land in Rock Island county, which is valuable on account of its timber, the planting of young trees being carried on upon an extensive scale, while at the same time the older trees are being cut down and sent to the sawmill. On his home farm he now has thirty-eight horses, eighty head of cattle and one hundred and fifty hogs, and he is one of the large shippers of Montpelier township.

On the 11th of November, 1881, Mr. Welsch was united in marriage to Miss Mary Irwin, a daughter of James and Catherine Irwin. By this union there were seven children, namely: Julius; Catherine, who married Glen McElroy and has one son living; Lizzie, the wife of George Grete and the mother of one child; Ora, who married Arthur Cawiezell; Bessie, who married Joseph Cawiezell, and Jessie, twins; and Mary. The mother of these children having passed away, Mr. Welsch was again married, the lady of his choice being Catherine Wunderlich. One child, Frederick, has been born to the union.

Mr. Welsch is in hearty sympathy with the republican party, accepting its principles as those best adapted to promote the general welfare of the entire country. His business responsibilities have not made it possible for him to devote much time to politics but he has served as township trustee and in other township offices. His success has been due to close application and perseverance. Having once decided on a plan of action he has never permitted obstacles to swerve him from what he believed to be the true course and as a result he has almost invariably won. A goodly supply of common sense is an important factor in his character. In a pleasant and comfortable home, supplied with all the conveniences and many of the elegancies of life, he now enjoys the fruits of his labors.

EDWARD KEMPER.

One of the prominent citizens of Montpelier township, Edward Kemper has earned the place he holds by years of well applied industry, in the course of which he acquired a farm that is scarcely surpassed by any other in the county in fertility and productiveness. A native of the township where he now lives, he was born April 15, 1865, a son of Henry and Charlotte (Weinberg) Kemper, a record of whom appears in the sketch of John Christopher Kemper elsewhere in this work. Our subject is also a brother of August Kemper, whose record is presented on another page in this work.

Edward Kemper grew up as a farm boy and was early made acquainted with the details of agriculture and stock-raising. He attended the district school, where he acquired the rudiments of an education which he has greatly enlarged since arriving at manhood by reading and observation. At twenty-one years of

age he began farming for himself, still continuing upon the home place and working under arrangements which he made with his father. In 1893 he rented two hundred acres in Montpelier township, which he cultivated for five years with such success that he was enabled to purchase two hundred and fifteen acres in his own name. Applying himself with still greater diligence, he made many improvements upon his place and now owns a fine farm of three hundred and eighty acres. He is a large raiser of live stock, including cattle, hogs and sheep, and the prices which he receives in the market indicate that he thoroughly understands his business.

On the 10th of December, 1896, Mr. Kemper was united in marriage to Miss Annie Hennings, a daughter of George Hennings, who was born in Germany. Six children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Kemper, namely: Charlotte, deceased; and Mamie, Edgar Edwin, Bernhard, Theodore and Walter, all of whom are at home.

Having observed the advantages of thorough training for the young, Mr. Kemper is an ardent friend of education and especially of the public-school system. For fifteen years past he has served as treasurer of the school board and no man in the township has more earnestly striven to advance the standing of the schools by the employment of competent and trustworthy teachers. He is also township trustee and takes at all times the interest of a broad-minded and patriotic citizen in the development of the region with which he is identified. Energetic, capable and thoroughly efficient in what he undertakes, he enjoys in a high degree the respect and esteem of his fellowmen.

LYELL REPPERT, M. D.

Dr. Lyell Reppert is one of the younger representatives of the medical profession in Muscatine, yet his age seems no bar to his ability nor to the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen, for he is accorded a liberal and growing practice. He was born in Muscatine, October 16, 1878, and is a son of Ferdinand and Emma (Olds) Reppert, the former a native of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and the latter of Muscatine. The mother was a daughter of Lyman Whitney Olds, a native of Ohio, who became one of the early settlers of this city. Coming here when it was but a small town, he engaged in the dry-goods business, in which he continued through the period of the Civil war. He was a very progressive, enterprising man, and his labors were an element in the substantial growth and upbuilding of this section of the state. He died at an advanced age in the year 1895. Unto him and his wife, Sarah Olds, there were born two children who lived to adult age, Emma and Ella. The former gave her hand in marriage to Ferdinand Reppert, who had become one of the early merchants of Muscatine, where he conducted a drug store. His death occurred here when he was fifty-six years of age, and his wife passed away in 1900 at the age of fifty-two. They were both members of the Congregational church and Mr. Reppert was for thirteen years a member of the school board. The

cause of education found in him a stalwart champion and he took active and helpful interest in many movements relative to the public good.

Dr. Reppert was reared in Muscatine and in his youthful days attended the public schools, wherein he pursued the studies taught in successive grades until graduated from the high school with the class of 1896. Later he entered the University of Iowa, wherein he devoted one year to the study of dentistry and four years to medicine. He was graduated therefrom in 1902 and immediately afterward left for Europe, spending a year in Vienna, Austria, where he attended the clinics of some of the most eminent physicians and surgeons of that great center of medical science. He afterward worked in the slums of Dublin, Ireland, in connection with the Rotunda Hospital, and upon his return to Muscatine opened an office and has since engaged in practice here. He has proven his worth in the excellent results which have attended his efforts to check the ravages of disease and restore health. He belongs to Muscatine County Medical Society, Iowa State Medical Society and American National Medical Association, and keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the day through wide reading and research. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Congregational church and his political views are evidenced in the stalwart support which he gives to the republican party.

HERMAN STEFFEN.

Wisely chosing as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared, Herman Steffen is today one of the progressive and successful agriculturists of Montpelier township, close application, unfaltering industry and practical methods being salient elements in his prosperity. Numbered among Iowa's native sons, his birth occurred in Cleona township, Scott county, on the 6th of September, 1872, the family home being located near New Liberty. His parents, Hans and Anna (Wulff) Steffen, were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married. On coming to the United States they made their way direct to Iowa, where the father was engaged in farming for many years. He passed away in 1894, at the age of fifty-two years, while his wife survived until 1910, dying when she had reached her sixty-fifth year.

The third in a family of eight children, Herman Steffen was reared in his native county and there remained until about eight years ago. The period of his boyhood and youth was passed in the usual manner of country lads, attending the district schools during the winter months, and in the summer seasons assisting in the work of the home farm, thereby learning practical lessons concerning the value of industry, diligence and perseverance. Amid the wholesome environment of country life he grew to manhood and gave his father the benefit of his assistance until the latter's death, which occurred soon after the son had attained his majority. He then took upon himself the management of the home farm, operating it for his widowed mother until 1902, when he rented a farm south of Durant in Wilton township. Upon that farm he remained for five years, at the expiration of which time he came to his present farm, which he had

purchased in 1906. This property, known as the Julius S. Sheely place, consists of two hundred acres located on section 12, Montpelier township, and under his wise direction and careful supervision has become a well improved and valuable property. As a general farmer he has made a careful study of agriculture, cultivates the grains best adapted to soil and climate and practices rotation of crops, and his progressive methods combined with intelligent direction and a willingness to work have proved strong forces toward the acquirement of success. In connection with tilling the soil he also engages in stock-raising and a good business sense has made it possible for him to attain prosperity in this branch of his interests also.

It was in 1900 that Mr. Steffen was united in marriage to Miss Laura Schnack, who was born in Cleona township, Scott county, on the 10th of August, 1879, a daughter of James and Maggie Schnack. Her parents, who were both born in Germany, yet survive and make their home in Bennett, Cedar county, Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Steffen have been born three children: Elmer, Luella and Roy.

Devoting his entire life to the occupation which is now his vocation, Mr. Steffen has never endeavored to extend his efforts into other channels, and to his close application to and concentration upon one line of activity is due in large measure the gratifying position which he has attained as one of the successful and enterprising farmers of his locality.

ROBERT S. McNUTT, D. D. S.

As the population and wealth of Muscatine have increased the political and professional interests of the city have been rapidly growing in importance and the men at the helm are those of tried and true ability. Among this class is Dr. Robert S. McNutt, a leading dentist and also postmaster of Muscatine. He was born in Lake township, Muscatine county, February 24, 1864, and is a son of Samuel and Anna E. (Lucas) McNutt, the former of whom was born in Ireland and the latter in Ohio. Samuel McNutt came to America with his mother at nine years of age and was reared in the state of Delaware. He was educated in the common schools and became a teacher, later studying law and engaging in practice. However, he found that profession not to his taste and became an editor, publishing a newspaper in Muscatine and afterward in Dubuque. About twenty years ago he located permanently at Muscatine and became identified with farming interests. He has been quite prominent in political circles and served for six years in the Iowa house of representatives and for four years in the state senate, evincing an ability which met the hearty approval of his constituents. His wife departed this life at the age of fifty-six years, in 1889. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, as is Mr. McNutt. Of the children born to them three grew to maturity: William L., a resident of Ord, Nebraska; Robert S., of this review; and Samuel B., a dentist of East Des Moines, Iowa.

Robert S. McNutt was reared on his father's farm and received his preliminary education in the district schools. He later attended the high school at Des Moines and on February 28, 1878, graduated from the dental department of the State University of Iowa with the title of D. D. S. After leaving the university he was associated for one year with Dr. Sterneman, of Muscatine, and then opened an office of his own, which he has since conducted with marked success, building up a large business among the best class of patrons in this region.

Politically Dr. McNutt is an ardent adherent of the republican party and is a prominent adviser in its councils. In 1902 he was elected mayor of the city and on the expiration of his term was reelected, serving for four years and securing the passage in the city council of a number of ordinances that have proven of great benefit to the people. In 1907 he was appointed postmaster of Muscatine and has since filled that office with a fidelity that has met the indorsement not only of the people of the city but of the officials at Washington, being reappointed January 21, 1911.

On the 8th of November, 1892, Dr. McNutt was united in marriage to Miss Mary Adel Richards, of Muscatine, a daughter of William C. and Mary (Becke) Richards, the former of whom is a native of Germany and the latter of this city. Mr. Richards was a soldier in the Civil war and served four years, participating with Sherman in his march to the sea and afterward in the grand review at Washington, D. C. He and his wife are now living in Muscatine and are the parents of six children: Minnie, Mary Adel, Lee, Nellie, Ida and Clarence. One daughter, Gertrude, has come to brighten the home of Dr. and Mrs. McNutt.

Dr. McNutt is not a member of any religious denomination but his wife is an adherent of the Catholic church. He is connected with a number of fraternal orders, among which are Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Wyoming Lodge, No. 76, K. P.; Muscatine Lodge, No. 304, B. P. O. E.; Eagle Lodge, No. 10, A. O. U. W.; the Improved Order of Red Men; and the Modern Woodmen of America. Being a man of attractive social talents, his circle of friends and acquaintances includes a host of the best people in the city and county, who greatly admire him for his worthy qualities. He has been found thoroughly competent and efficient in all he has undertaken and thus deserves the esteem in which he is held by his fellowmen.

AUGUST KEMPER.

About twelve years ago August Kemper, whose name stands at the head of this review, purchased the farm in Montpelier township, Muscatine county, on which he now lives and which he has developed into one of the most attractive properties of its area in the township. By previous training and experience he was well qualified for the work he assumed and the air of neatness and prosperity which prevails about the premises is proof of the thoughtful attention it

receives from its owner. The farm residence is provided with modern conveniences, the outbuildings are commodious and well arranged, the fences are in thorough repair and the place is supplied with the best machinery. In all these details sound judgment has been shown and, therefore, no fields in the region yield more abundant harvests. Mr. Kemper was born in Montpelier township, September 7, 1867. He is a son of Henry and Charlotte (Weinberg) Kemper, whose record appears in connection with that of John Christopher Kemper, a brother of our subject. Edward Kemper, a sketch of whom also is given elsewhere in this work, is a member of the same family.

The early education of August Kemper was received in the district schools of Montpelier township. As he grew up he assisted in the work about the house and on the home farm, showing an interest in agricultural pursuits that gave bright promise for his future. He assisted his father until twenty-one years of age and then began working for himself and five years later rented land in the neighborhood, which he cultivated to such good purpose that he was able to purchase one hundred and seventy-three acres, which constitutes his home farm. He practiced economy when it was necessary in order that later in life he might possess the comforts and luxuries which he now enjoys. As a general farmer and stock-raiser he has been highly successful and each year increases his financial resources so that he is now recognized as one of the substantial and progressive men of the locality.

In March, 1894, Mr. Kemper was united in marriage to Miss Annie Hansen, a daughter of Claus and Marie (Frieberg) Hansen. By this union two children have been born: Henry and Albert, both of whom are living at home.

Mr. Kemper has never given much attention to politics, preferring to devote his energies to business affairs. However, he has served most acceptably for six years as member of the school board. He is a man of social characteristics, unassuming but courteous in manner and of recognized integrity and business ability. His sterling qualities have secured for him many friends and he is today one of the influential citizens of the county—one whose advice is often sought and whose aim it is to discharge every obligation according to recognized principles of truth and justice.

JOHN BOGGS.

For more than half a century John Boggs has been a resident of Muscatine county and today he lives upon the farm on which his father settled before the Civil war. He has been an interested witness of the great changes made in this county and looks back over a long life, in the course of which he has assisted as opportunity presented in promoting the permanent interests of this section. Born in Coshocton county, Ohio, in 1838, he is a son of Thomas and Elizabeth (Bonnett) Boggs, the former a native of Belmont county, Ohio, and the latter of Ohio county, West Virginia. They were married in Coshocton county, Ohio and subsequently lived in Wisconsin and Illinois, but permanently settled on a farm of

eighty acres in Orono township, Muscatine county, in 1858. Mr. Boggs cultivated his land to good advantage for many years and was called away March 24, 1881. The mother departed this life nine years later. There were five children in their family, namely: John, the subject of this review; Mary, of Conesville, Iowa, the widow of Thomas Maxwell; Sarah, the widow of Henry Sears, of Nebraska City, Nebraska; Louis, who died in infancy; and Clara, the widow of James McDaniel, of Muscatine county.

John Boggs passed his boyhood and youth on his father's farm and attended the district schools, in the meantime gaining a very thorough knowledge of agriculture and stock-raising. After arriving at twenty-two years of age he began farming on his own account by renting land in the neighborhood and soon after his father's death purchased the interest of other heirs in the family estate and has since lived at the old homestead, making it one of the most valuable farms of the size in this part of the county. During recent years he has given over the responsibilities of management to younger shoulders.

In 1859 Mr. Boggs was married in Iowa to Miss Ellen Stutson, daughter of Lester and Martha J. (House) Stutson, both of whom were born in New York state. They were married in Michigan and later came to Iowa, living for some time in Muscatine county. Subsequently they removed to Buchanan county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Stutson, of whom two are living besides Mrs. Boggs, namely: Howard and Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Boggs became the parents of six children: Dora, who was born January 13, 1861, and is now the wife of Hiram Jarrard of Conesville; Effie, born in 1865, now the widow of William Trautman of Conesville; Thomas, born August 28, 1870, living in Cedar township; Ella, who was born June 10, 1867, and died at the age of seventeen years; Clara, born June 6, 1873, now Mrs. Vic Snyder of Muscatine; and John B., who was born August 24, 1879.

Ever since manhood Mr. Boggs has given his support to the democratic party. He has been an earnest advocate of education and for twenty years served as member of the school board, assisting in bringing the schools to a high state of efficiency. He also filled the office of road supervisor for five years and during that time assisted materially in the improvement of the roads of the township. Having now retired from the active duties of life, he is enjoying a rest to which he is well entitled, and no man is more worthy of the respect of his associates than the one whose name introduces this sketch.

John B. Boggs, the youngest of the family, was educated in the district schools of Orono township and by his application and industry even as a lad gave promise of a useful career. He continued upon the home farm and on December 25, 1900, was united in marriage to Miss Emma Hintz, of Nichols, a daughter of Louis and Augusta (Miller) Hintz, who were born in Germany. They came to America in 1872 and after living for two years in Muscatine removed to Nichols, where they have since resided. To them ten children were born, one of whom died in infancy, the others being: Amelia, now the wife of Albert Quimby, of Nichols; Rosa, deceased; John, of Nichols; Emma, now Mrs. John B. Boggs; Mary, Martha and Leona, all of whom are at home; and Frederick and Frank, both of whom

are deceased. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Boggs: Dora Augusta, who was born September 16, 1902; Nira Verlee, born April 27, 1904; John Thomas, born May 3, 1906; and Luna F., born May 6, 1910. Mr. Boggs is now in charge of the old homestead and has shown an efficiency that is gratifying to his father. He and his wife are members of the German Reformed church, and are active supporters of all worthy causes.

L. N. STIGERS.

L. N. Stigers, a retired agriculturist residing in Fulton township, met with a gratifying measure of success in his farming interests, owning two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land at the time he put aside the active work of the fields. His birth occurred in Ohio on the 3d of November, 1848, his parents being John and Elizabeth (Thomas) Stigers, who were likewise natives of the Buckeye state. They came to Iowa in 1850, settling in Fulton township, Muscatine county, where the father eventually purchased farm land to the amount of three hundred and fifty acres. He operated the place until called to his final rest in 1857, when his widow and children undertook its management. In 1860 Mrs. Stigers gave her children entire charge of the old homestead and spent the remainder of her life among them in well earned ease, passing away July 17, 1891. Both she and her husband were laid to rest in the Blue Grass cemetery of Scott county. Their children were seven in number, as follows: Rachel, who is a resident of Iowa; John, who died at the age of sixteen years; L. N., of this review; Emanuel, who passed away when forty years of age; Marquis L., living in Menlo, Iowa; Albert, a resident of Mora, Minnesota; and Alfred, twin brother of Albert, who died at the age of forty years.

L. N. Stigers, who was reared under the parental roof, was married when about twenty years of age and took possession of his share of the old homestead farm, devoting his attention to general agricultural pursuits until the time of his retirement in 1906. For the past four years he has lived on the old home place with his youngest son, Roy, upon whom devolves the active work of the fields. His labors as an agriculturist were attended with excellent results and he accumulated two hundred and eighty acres of highly improved and valuable land. His rest is well merited, for during his active connection with farming interests he worked earnestly and persistently in his efforts toward success.

On the 27th of August, 1868, Mr. Stigers was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth A. Bunker, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of Andrew M. and Sarah (Howe) Bunker, who were likewise born in the Keystone state. They came to Iowa in 1858, settling on a farm in Fulton township, this county, where the father carried on general agricultural pursuits until he passed away in 1896. At the time of his demise Andrew M. Bunker owned two hundred and forty acres of land in Fulton township and a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in Pottawatomie county, Iowa. His wife was called to her final rest in 1889. They were the parents of thirteen children, namely: William W.; Mel-

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ville; Mrs. Stigers; George H., who is deceased; Nathan; Thomas; James L.; Julia R.; Frank; Andrew; Robert; Sarah E.; and one who died in infancy.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stigers were born five children. Edna E., whose birth occurred on the 13th of September, 1869, is the wife of Robert L. Eis, of Winterset, Iowa. Nellie M., who was born March 15, 1876, gave her hand in marriage to Thomas Nugent, of Wilton, Iowa. Arthur E., whose natal day was September 5, 1878, is married and resides on a farm in Wilton township. Walter H., whose birth occurred May 25, 1881, operates a part of the old homestead farm. He wedded Miss Millie Henke, of this county, and is now the father of two sons, Raymond L. and Vernon Walter. Roy E., who was born on the 30th of May, 1883, resides on and operates a part of the old homestead place. He married Miss Minnie Sass, of Scott county, by whom he has one son, Floyd Everett. Mrs. Elizabeth A. Stigers was called to the home beyond on the 27th of September, 1903, being laid to rest in the Blue Grass cemetery of Scott county. She passed away in the faith of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Stigers has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust, the duties of which he has discharged in a most prompt and capable manner. He held the office of township trustee for two years, acted as township treasurer for a number of years and was justice of the peace for a period of fourteen years. For a short time he also served as a member of the school board. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He has spent practically his entire life within the borders of Muscatine county and his many friends and acquaintances entertain for him the highest regard and esteem.

CHRISTIAN K. WINNEMORE.

Christian K. Winnemore is engaged in agricultural pursuits in Sweetland township, where he owns one hundred and ninety-three acres of excellent land, and in his undertaking is meeting with gratifying success. He is a native son of that township, born December 2, 1863, his parents being Thomas and Charlotte (Willis) Winnemore, who were natives of Pennsylvania, the former born near Reading in 1829, and the latter near Lewistown, on the 25th of January, 1833. They were married in the Keystone state, where they remained until three children had been added to the household, after which the father made his way westward with his family, settling first in Ottawa, Illinois, where two years were passed. Subsequently he came to Muscatine county, where his remaining days were passed. He was a carpenter by trade and after coming to the west engaged in that pursuit for many years. However, during the last few years of his life he engaged in general farming. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Winnemore were born six children: Maggie, the wife of George Brogan, of Sweetland township; William, who makes his home in Missouri; George, who resides in St. Joseph, that state; Christian K., whose name introduces this review; Eldridge, a resident of Montana; and Charlotte, who is with her mother.

Christian K. Winnemore, the fourth in order of birth, pursued his education in the common schools of Muscatine county, and after laying aside his text-books he was busily engaged in the work of the home farm, giving his father the benefit of his assistance for a number of years. Eventually he took up farming on his own account and now owns one hundred and ninety-three acres of land on section 18, Sweetland township, it being divided into two tracts, separated by the public highway. Here he has made his home for several years, directing his energies toward the further improvement of the fields which he has brought under a high state of cultivation. He has made a close study of agriculture, possesses good business ability and is methodical, systematic and progressive, so that he is numbered among the substantial and successful farmers and stock-raisers of Muscatine county.

Mr. Winnemore has been married twice. He was first married in 1890, the lady of his choice being Miss Elizabeth Davidson, a native of Muscatine county and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Davidson. She survived her marriage only about a year, passing away in 1891. In 1898 Mr. Winnemore wedded Louise Beatty, who was born in Hesper, Iowa, a daughter of Dr. William Beatty, of that city. Five children bless this union: Charlotte, Harold and Helen, twins, Eugene and Ruth.

Politically Mr. Winnemore is a republican, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Friends church. In all the relations of life in which he is found, whether social, business or public, he has been true to high principles of manhood, and his salient characteristics are such as have won for him the honor, respect and good-will of his fellowmen.

WILLIAM HUTTIG.

There are men with abilities so comprehensive that they succeed in anything they undertake. They have a clear discernment, a wise discrimination and a well balanced judgment not possessed by ordinary men. They also have the ability to inspire confidence in others and when they need assistance in any undertaking it is forthcoming. They do not seem to be hampered by difficulties to which others bow and they apparently with ease become the leaders in their respective communities. To this class belongs William Huttig, president of The Huttig Manufacturing Company of Muscatine and for fifty-five years a resident of this city.

He was born near Jena, Saxony, Germany, February 5, 1836, and is a son of Frederick and Dorothea (Sieburg) Huttig, both natives of Germany. The father was a farmer and died in the village of Isserstadt, near Jena, in 1874, at the age of eighty-one years. The mother departed this life at the age of eighty-two years, in 1884. They were both members of the Lutheran church. There were five children in their family: Carl, of Davenport, Iowa; Christian, who died in 1876; Frederick, who died in 1906; William, our subject; and Malvina, now Mrs. George Kinsle, of Kansas City, Missouri.

William Huttig received a good education in the public schools of his native land and, having early shown a talent for music, was instructed in that art under the distinguished Professors Winkler and Held. At nineteen years of age he decided to seek his fortune in a foreign land and came to America, settling in Muscatine, Iowa, as a music teacher. At the outbreak of the Civil war he organized a band, of which he was the leader, which became connected with the Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. However, the services of the leader and the band were both dispensed with before the regiment left Camp Strong by an order from the war department discharging all regimental bands. Mr. Huttig returned to Muscatine and in 1862 entered the grocery business, in which he continued for several years, starting in the lumber business in 1868 with his brother Frederick. They continued together until about 1900, when Frederick withdrew from the firm.

In 1870 Mr. Huttig began the manufacture of sash and doors under the firm name of Huttig Brothers & Falter. After about six years Mr. Falter withdrew and went to St. Louis, the title of the firm becoming Huttig Brothers Manufacturing Company. In 1881 the company erected a large plant in this city and the firm was incorporated as The Huttig Manufacturing Company. Two years later the Western Sash & Door Company of Kansas City was incorporated and in 1885 the Huttig brothers established the Huttig Sash & Door Company of St. Louis. The company in Muscatine employs about three hundred persons and also maintains a large factory at Billings, Montana, being recognized as one of the leading concerns of the kind in the west. However, Mr. Huttig has not confined his entire attention to the manufacturing field. In 1888 the Muscatine Real Estate Company, embracing a number of local capitalists, was organized and he was made its president. He became the same year president of the Ashton Flour & Feed Company and also filled the office of president of the Board of Trade of Muscatine. In December, 1887, he was associated with his brother Frederick and other liberal republicans and democrats in organizing the Muscatine News Company, of which he was made president. He was elected a member of the board of directors at the time of the organization of the Muscatine Bridge Company, which was founded for the purpose of building a high bridge over the Mississippi river at Muscatine, and on April 9, 1889, at the second annual meeting of the board, he was elected to the presidency of that company. He was also an incorporator of the Muscatine Oat Meal Company and became its vice president, holding the same office in the Terra Cotta Lumber Company and being prominent in the organization of the Muscatine Street Car Company and a number of other local enterprises. Few men in this part of the state have been more active in business life and few have been more successful in forwarding the enterprises with which they were connected.

On the 9th of August, 1860, Mr. Huttig was married to Miss Catharine Becker, a daughter of Michael and Salome (Bauer) Becker. Mrs. Huttig was born in Marietta, Ohio, August 6, 1839, while her parents were natives of Bavaria, Germany. They became acquainted in the fatherland but were married at Marietta, Ohio. Mr. Becker settled for a time near Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, but came to Muscatine in 1850 and here followed the baker's trade. He died at the age of seventy-eight years, in 1889, his wife being called away in

1902, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. They were both members of the Evangelical church. Eight children constituted their family: Catharine, August, Henry, Theodore, Albert, Henrietta, Elizabeth and William. To Mr. and Mrs. Huttig three children have been born. Anna is the wife of Conrad Heney and they live at Newark, New Jersey. Nellie married Albert McDermid and is now deceased. She was the mother of one son, Harold. Harry married Kathryn Musser. He is a partner in his father's business, being treasurer and manager of the company, and is identified with a number of important enterprises in Muscatine and elsewhere.

Mr. Huttig holds membership in Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M., and also in the Knights of Pythias lodge and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He and his wife are connected with the German Evangelical church and contribute liberally toward its support. Mr. Huttig has noted the disadvantages under which a young man labors who starts in his business career without adequate school training and has become a staunch friend of education, serving for about ten years as member of the Muscatine school board. Politically he is an adherent of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the best interests of the country. He is a liberal contributor to all worthy causes, recognizing the obligation of large employers to assist in the advancement of the general good. For many years connected with important business interests, he takes a broad view of all subjects and his opinions have largely influenced others with whom he has associated. An honor to the city of his adoption, Mr. Huttig has performed a great work in building up its industries and it is doubtful whether any other man the city has known has ever contributed more toward its permanent prosperity than the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

JAMES H. VAN CAMP.

James H. Van Camp was born on the farm where he now resides, on section 4, Sweetland township, June 20, 1860. The father, Kiple Van Camp, was a native of Huntington county, New Jersey, born September 15, 1822. He lost his parents in his infancy and was reared in the family of David Armstrong, of New Jersey. At twenty-seven years of age, in December, 1849, he was married to Miss Anna Maria Little, and May 16, 1850, they came to Muscatine, Iowa, purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 4, Sweetland township, where Mr. Van Camp lived for fifty-three years, passing away November 23, 1903. He built the family residence out of rough lumber made from trees which grew on the homestead and, being an industrious man, he succeeded as a farmer and acquired three hundred and twenty acres in one of the best farming districts of the state. He was public-spirited and enterprising and held a number of township offices. For many years he was an active member of the Methodist church, serving as steward and trustee and also as chairman of the board. Politically he was in thorough accord with the republican party.

James H. Van Camp was sixth in order of birth in a family of ten children, eight of whom are now living. He received his preliminary education in the district school and later was a student for one year at Wilton Academy. After completing his school training he returned to the home farm and is now the owner of one hundred and seventy-six acres, everything about the place giving evidence of progressiveness and enterprise which are marked characteristics of Mr. Van Camp. His success has been due to indefatigable industry and rightly directed methods. Each year increases his financial resources owing to the abundant crops which he raises.

On May 16, 1886, Mr. Van Camp was united in marriage to Miss Edith L. Mesick, a daughter of Jacob S. and Phoebe (Dorman) Mesick. Her father is still living and is a farmer of South Dakota, Mrs. Van Camp being the third child in a family of four children. To Mr. and Mrs. Van Camp have been born five children, three of whom are now living: Alfred Earl, Harry Laverne and Jacob Drew. Grace and Walter died in infancy.

Mr. Van Camp is a supporter of the republican party and his voice is often heard in the councils of its leaders in Muscatine county. For fourteen years past he has served as a member of the county committee. He filled the office of township assessor for six years and for many years was president of the school board, being secretary of that body at the present time. He is connected with the Sweetland Methodist Episcopal church, and is a member of the board of trustees and treasurer. He has for twenty-seven years past been identified with the Masonic fraternity, at present being a member of Lodge No. 2 of Muscatine. He is also a member of Camp No. 106, M. W. A., and for three years past has filled the office of master of Sweetland Grange. He is a man of broad outlook and one who has assisted very materially in advancing the interests of the township where he has spent his entire life. He is recognized as a man of strict integrity who never allows selfish considerations to color his opinions or to induce him to waver in his allegiance to any cause he has espoused. He is devoted to his family and his friends and stands very high in the regard of all who know him.

FREDERICK RINNERT.

Frederick Rinnert, whose well cultivated farm is located in Montpelier township, Muscatine county, is of good German ancestry and in his life has shown many of the worthy traits of the Teutonic race. He was born in the township where he now lives, December 15, 1854, being a son of Peter and Catherine Rinnert, both of whom were natives of Bavaria, Germany. The parents were married in the fatherland and came to America in 1852. Peter Rinnert, was not provided very abundantly with this world's goods at that time but he was an ambitious and industrious man of excellent character and in Muscatine county, Iowa, he found a field that it seemed to him would yield richly if well cultivated. Accordingly, after working for wages for one year and accumulating sufficient money, he purchased twenty acres of wild land, which he proceeded to clear and which became the nucleus of a farm of five hundred and twenty acres

acquired by his good management. At the time of his death, which occurred November 24, 1903, at Davenport, Iowa, to which place he had retired from active labor, he was the owner of three hundred and forty-five acres, having sold a part of the original farm. For many years he operated a threshing machine and was very popular among his neighbors on account of his ability and genial nature. He was a public-spirited man and a warm friend of education, serving most acceptably as member of the school board. Politically he gave his adherence to the democratic party and in religious belief was a Catholic. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Rinnert, five of whom are now living.

Frederick Rinnert received his early education in the district schools of Montpelier township, later attending the public schools of Davenport. He assisted upon the home farm until twenty-five years of age and then purchased eighty-five acres of land in Montpelier township, where he established his home. Like his father, he is the possessor of good business sagacity and is now the owner of three hundred and ten acres, which comprises one of the desirable farms in the township. He has erected a handsome and commodious two story residence, a large barn, ample outhouses and he has also made many other improvements, greatly adding to the value of the property. For thirty-nine years he has been engaged each season in threshing grain for farmers of the locality and is one of the active and prominent men in this line in Muscatine county. As a general farmer he has gained high standing and each year adds handsomely to his financial resources.

In 1886 Mr. Rinnert was united in marriage to Miss Cersentia Stecher, a daughter of Frank Stecher. Four children have blessed this union, Josephine, Frederick, Teglah and Bonnie. Mr. Rinnert politically is not identified with any of the organizations but votes independently, preferring to cast his ballot for the man rather than the party. He is a stanch friend of education and has served upon the school board for twenty-one years and as member of the board of township trustees for two years. In religious belief he adheres to the Catholic church, whose teachings he accepts as those enunciated in holy writ. He is recognized is a man of unusual energy, who would have made a success of any business that might have attracted his attention. He had the necessary characteristics of patience, perseverance, grit and sound judgment and is today one of the leaders in the community, never failing to command the esteem of all who come into contact with him.

HARRY W. HUTTIG.

Among the active business men of Muscatine who are now occupying important positions and giving employment to a large number of persons, thus assisting very materially in advancing the interests of the city, is Harry W. Huttig, treasurer and manager of the Huttig Manufacturing Company. He was born of German-American parentage, his father being William Huttig, a native of Germany, and his mother Catharine Becker, a native of Ohio. The

father was reared in Jena, Germany, and, having early shown a decided talent for music, became a music teacher. He was an ambitious young man and, desiring more favorable opportunities, emigrated to America at nineteen years of age locating at Muscatine, Iowa, where he has ever since lived. He taught music for several years but was attracted to mercantile business and started a grocery store. Later he went into the lumber business and in 1871 established in a small way a sash, door and blind factory, which under his good management has grown from year to year until it now gives employment to about four hundred persons, operating under the title of the Huttig Manufacturing Company, with the following officers: William Huttig, president; J. R. Swearingen, vice president; L. L. Richards, secretary; and Harry W. Huttig, treasurer and general manager. For ten or twelve years past Mr. Huttig has not participated actively in the business of which he was the founder. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank and has always taken great interest in public enterprises, being one of the most respected citizens of Muscatine. At the time of the Civil war he enlisted with his band of musicians and served for three months. He and his wife are members of the Protestant Evangelical church. The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was a farmer in Germany. After his death his widow came to America, dying here at the age of eighty-eight years. Of their children the following are living: Carl, Fred, William and Mulvina. To William and Catharine Huttig three children were born: Harry W., our subject; Anna, the wife of Conrad Haney, of Orange, New Jersey; and Nellie, who became the wife of D. S. McDermid and is now deceased.

Harry W. Huttig was reared in Muscatine and educated in the public schools, graduating from the high school in 1885. Having determined to adopt a business career, he went to Poughkeepsie, New York, where he took a course of instruction at Eastman's Business College, one of the leading institutions of the kind in the country. Returning home, he started as bookkeeper in his father's factory and in 1888 was made manager, becoming also treasurer some years later. The company is one of the most substantial concerns of the kind in the west and distributes its products to all the principal centers in the United States. Mr. Huttig is president of the Pioneer Pearl Button Company and is also interested in a number of business enterprises of Muscatine and the west, having shown an ability that places him among the leaders in commercial affairs of the Mississippi valley.

On the 6th of October, 1891, Mr. Huttig was united in marriage to Miss Kathryn Musser, a daughter of Richard and Sarah (Berger) Musser and a native of Muscatine. Her parents were born in Pennsylvania and became early settlers in this city. The father was a member of the Musser Lumber Company and died here in 1896. The mother passed away in 1902. Of their children five are now living; Susan, Kathryn, Grace, Gertrude and William and also an adopted daughter, Linda. Mrs. Huttig holds membership in the Episcopal church in which she is an active worker.

Mr. Huttig affiliates with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and politically is in sympathy with the republican party. He was elected alderman of the second ward at the age of twenty years and later was nominated for mayor of Muscatine, but the honors and emoluments of public office had no at-

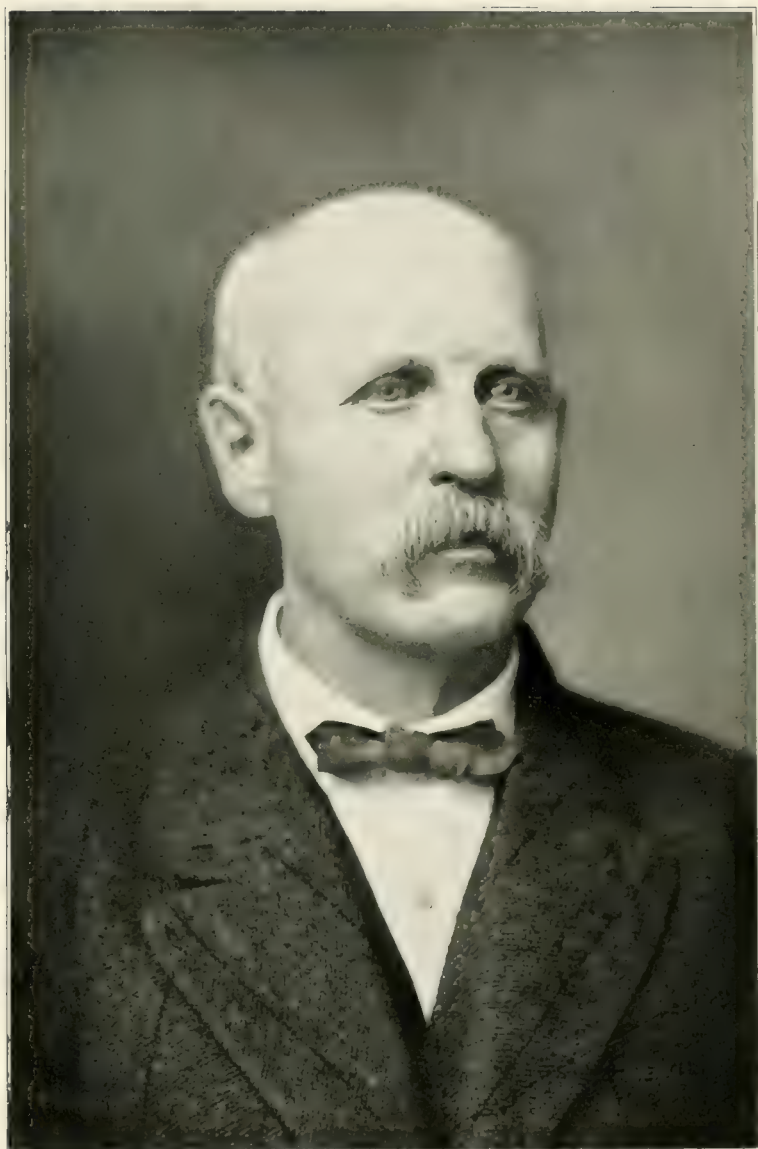
traction for him and he declined the honor. He is essentially a man of business, having good judgment and a mental capacity which readily grasps large operations and reduces them to a system by which they can be managed along modern lines. It is men of this character who control the important business enterprises of a country and are largely responsible for the general prosperity that prevails.

CHESTER LILLIBRIDGE.

Few men during recent years have accomplished more for the upbuilding of Muscatine than Chester Lillibridge, now serving as superintendent, treasurer and financial secretary of the Muscatine Bridge Company and also identified with a number of enterprises directly connected with the interests of the city. In the discharge of his various responsibilities he has shown a judgment and fidelity which have reflected upon himself and his associates the highest credit and contributed in a large degree to the success of undertakings of great importance.

He was born in Bloomington township, Muscatine county, October 7, 1844, and is a son of Amos and Amanda M. (Beardsley) Lillibridge. The father was born in Rhode Island and came to Muscatine in 1839, preempting government land in Bloomington township about six miles east of the present site of Muscatine. Later he moved to within four miles of Muscatine and there continued until his death, which occurred in November, 1854. He was buried in Brown cemetery and was known as one of the leading men in the township, serving on the board of supervisors for two terms. Politically he was an old line whig. The mother of our subject was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and was married in Muscatine county. She survived her husband thirty years, being called away in May, 1884. There were six children in the family: George, deceased; Caroline, the wife of Henry Kneese of Muscatine; Chester, our subject; Emma, also of Muscatine; Georgia, deceased; and Clara, a resident of Los Angeles, California.

Chester Lillibridge was educated in the public schools of Muscatine. The administrators of his father's estate having dissipated the property, the children were left largely to depend upon themselves. Accordingly our subject began as a clerk in a grocery store at sixteen years of age. In three months, however, he had shown a capacity which pleased the members of the firm, and he was taken into partnership and continued in that line of business for twenty-nine years. Perceiving the importance of bridging over the Mississippi river at Muscatine, he became one of the projectors of the enterprise and sold eighty per cent of the stock necessary for its construction. In 1890 he became a director of the Muscatine Bridge Company and collected the money by means of which the work was completed. He is now serving as treasurer, financial secretary and superintendent of the company and the project which he assisted in bringing to a successful conclusion has proved one of the most important auxiliaries that has been known in the building up of Muscatine and the adjacent country..



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He also obtained a charter for a toll road in 1893, which was built and proved a perfect success. After a failure had been made of the undertaking, he in 1907 took up the project of building a levee on the east side of the Mississippi river and sold the bonds for its construction. He is one of the commissioners and secretary of this company. He is a director of the Hershey State Bank and is the owner of nine hundred acres of land in Rock Island county, Illinois, which he is putting into fine shape for special agricultural farming. He is also the owner of a store building and a commodious residence in Muscatine and some time ago had charge of the erection of two bridges across Cedar river.

On October 16, 1872, Mr. Lillibridge was united in marriage to Miss Mary C. Jackson, and four children have brightened their home: Cora, the wife of Ed T. Lillie, of Muscatine; Ralph J., with H. W. Huttig, of Muscatine; Bert, also of Muscatine; and Edwin, a resident of Cloquet, Minnesota.

At the time of the Civil war Mr. Lillibridge offered himself for service, but was refused as he was but sixteen years of age. However, the state was less rigid in its requirements, and he was accepted as orderly in the state militia under General Edward Hatch. Politically he is identified with the republican party and a stanch adherent of its principles. He has served as a member of the school board of Muscatine and at that time had charge of seven buildings in the course of construction. He is connected with the Congregational church and the Commercial Club, but his various business interests have required his principal attention. Although he has accomplished a great deal for Muscatine and the region adjacent, he sees much work yet to be done. It is to men like the subject of this review, endowed with clear vision and sound judgment, that the future must look for the discharge of these responsibilities.

THOMAS BROWN.

While Thomas Brown had passed the seventy-fifth milestone on life's journey at the time of his death, February 9, 1911, he was still engaged in the practice of law. His mental powers seemed undiminished and keen discernment enabled him to analyze a law case with the readiness and ability which he displayed in earlier years. He also conducted a real-estate and loan office, and his example of active usefulness in the evening of life is one which might well be followed by many another man.

He was born in Knox county, Ohio, December 3, 1835, his parents being Garretson and Ann (Holland) Brown, the former a native of Maryland, and the latter of Virginia. The father made farming his life work, following that pursuit first in his native state, afterward in Ohio, and subsequently in Iowa, whither he came about 1871. He lived in Muscatine for one year and then located in Keokuk county, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until the weight of years forced him to put aside active duties. He died when more than eighty years of age, having for a few years survived his wife. Both were consistent members of the Methodist church, and their many good qualities of heart and mind gained for them the warm regard of all who knew them. Their fam-

ily numbered seven children, five sons and two daughters, of whom three are now living: Reason, a farmer of Keokuk county, Iowa; Cassius M., an attorney of Sigourney, Iowa; and Elizabeth, the widow of John Trotter and also a resident of Sigourney.

Thomas Brown was reared in the county of his nativity upon his father's farm, early becoming familiar with the work of plowing, planting and harvesting. He attended the district schools and afterward entered Millner Hall, a private school. Subsequently he continued his studies in Kenyon College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1861. In August of the same year he removed westward to Muscatine and secured a position as teacher in a private academy. To this work he devoted his time and energies until 1865 and then returned to his native state, becoming principal of the preparatory department of Kenyon College. After a year, however, he returned to Muscatine and taught in the academy of this city until 1872, when he went to Davenport and taught in Griswold College. There he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1875. He returned to Muscatine for practice, and in connection with the duties of his profession he engaged in the conduct of a real-estate, loan and insurance business. He was a very active man and one whose labors were a force in the business enterprise and progress of the city.

On the 20th of August, 1862, Mr. Brown was married to Miss Mary J. Reed, a native of Mount Vernon, Ohio. They became parents of two daughters: Ida May, the wife of E. W. Smith; and Clara A., the wife of S. M. Hughes, the cashier of the First National Bank of Muscatine, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this work. Mr. and Mrs. Brown were members of the Episcopal church, to which their daughters also belong. His political support was given to the republican party, and for six years he served as a member of the school board. The cause of education ever found in him a warm and helpful friend, and in fact he stood as the champion of all the measures and movements which he deemed essential to the general good. His successful work as an educator brought him wide renown, for his ability placed him prominently in the ranks of Iowa's teachers. His entire life, characterized by his loyalty to his honest convictions, whether in professional service, in society, religion or in citizenship, gained for him the warm regard of all with whom he was brought in contact.

WILLIAM LEWIS THOMPSON.

The records of the lives of our forefathers are of interest to the citizens of modern times, not alone for their historical value but also for the inspiration and example they afford. Yet we need not look to the past for although hundreds may differ the essential conditions of human life are ever the same and a man can learn from the success of those around him if he will heed the best lessons contained in their history. The life record of William Lewis Thompson indicates that carefully formulated plans, close application and unfaltering purpose were the elements which he utilized in the attainment of success in business, and, moreover, the integrity of his methods commended him to the confidence

and good-will of all. He figured for many years as a leading hardware merchant of Muscatine and while prominent in business he was also popular in social circles.

He was born in Atalissa, Muscatine county, March 4, 1862, a son of Robert T. and Emily A. (Lewis) Thompson, both of whom were natives of Ohio. The family comes of Scotch ancestry although several generations have been represented in the new world. His grandfather, Robert Thompson, was born in Pennsylvania and became one of the early settlers of Ohio, where he conducted a hotel or tavern. He married Barbara Ebbert, who died when a comparatively young woman. He continued his residence in Ohio, near Bridgeport, until within a few years of his death, which occurred at the home of one of his daughters in Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1875, when he was seventy-six years of age. He had the following children: Theron, William, Robert, John, Selina and Catharine. The maternal grandfather of William L. Thompson was Ira Lewis, who was born in Ohio and became a tanner and farmer. He married Sarah Wilson and they lived for many years in Harrison county, Ohio, where his death occurred when he was a comparatively young man. His wife survived him for many years and married Morgan Lewis, a brother of her first husband. There was only one child of the first marriage, Emily A., the wife of Robert T. Thompson. By the second marriage there were two children: Catharine, the widow of Hugh K. Mitchell, a resident of Muscatine; and John W., who died at the age of twenty-one years.

Robert T. Thompson, the father of William Lewis Thompson, was a merchant's clerk at Wheeling, West Virginia, until 1858, when he removed westward to Iowa and engaged in the grain business in Atalissa. He later served as deputy county treasurer and afterward was elected and served for two terms as county treasurer. He also served as deputy postmaster under Colonel Beach and next aided in organizing the Muscatine Savings Bank, of which he became the first cashier, filling that position until failing health compelled him to retire. In 1875 he organized the firm of R. T. Thompson & Son for the conduct of a hardware business and was senior partner until 1887, when he withdrew and the firm became Thompson Brothers. The death of Robert T. Thompson occurred February 1, 1890, when he was sixty years of age. His wife survived him until 1904 and passed away at the age of seventy years. She was a consistent member of the Methodist church. Mr. Thompson belonged to both the Mason and Odd Fellows lodges and his political support was given to the republican party. His family numbered eight children of whom Theron, Barbara, Ella and Robert L. still survive, while three of the number died in infancy or early childhood.

William Lewis Thompson, the other member of the family, was reared in Muscatine from early childhood and attended the public schools of this city. When his education was completed he joined his father in the hardware business as did his brother Theron. They were well trained in every department of the business and when the father died they succeeded him, conducting the store under the style of Thompson Brothers. They remained the sole proprietors until the death of W. L. Thompson, conducting a well stocked store on West Second street at the corner of Chestnut. This has been the location of the Thompson hardware business for many years and the name under which the store has been

conducted has ever stood as a synonym for activity and integrity in business transactions.

On the 22d of October, 1890, Mr. Thompson was married to Miss Harriet Stockdale, a daughter of John and Maria (Curran) Stockdale. Mrs. Thompson was born in Muscatine but her father was a native of England and her mother of Ireland. They were both quite young when they were brought to America and were still in their minority when they came to Muscatine, where they were married. Mention of the Stockdale and Curran families is made on another page of this volume under the caption of William Stockdale.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Thompson was born a daughter, Mary Gladys. They spent about twelve years in Las Vegas, New Mexico, for the benefit of Mr. Thompson's health, and he there engaged in the hardware business but also retained his interest in the store in Muscatine. His death occurred in Las Vegas, January 21, 1906, when he had reached the age of forty-three years and ten months, and his remains were brought back to Muscatine for interment in Greenwood cemetery. In politics he was a republican. He was widely recognized as a prominent and popular man and good citizen. He was devoted to the welfare of his family, was faithful in friendship and strictly honorable in every relation in life, so that the news of his death brought a sense of personal bereavement to many who knew him. His wife and daughter still reside at No. 312 West Fourth street.

JOHN OLIVER HOLTZ.

It was fifty-three years ago when John O. Holtz, the subject of this review, first caught a glimpse of Muscatine county, where he has spent nearly his entire life. He was brought by his parents to Iowa in his infancy and grew up in this county, gaining a practical experience which has enabled him to become one of the successful farmers of the county. He is a native of Erie county, New York, born June 2, 1855. His father, John Holtz, was born in Mecklenburg, Germany, November 5, 1827, and came to America in 1849 with his father and mother, two brothers and three sisters. After spending several years in New York he was attracted westward and in 1857 arrived in Muscatine county, entering the employ of S. G. Stein. After a short time he went to work for John Moss and at the end of a year purchased forty acres of land of Mr. Moss, upon which he lived about seven years. He then acquired eighty acres one mile west of his original purchase and made his home upon that place until his death, which occurred April 3, 1900, being at that time the owner of two hundred and forty-three acres which he had accumulated by industry and economy. He stood very high in the estimation of his neighbors and friends and for a number of years filled the office of township trustee and also served as a member of the school board. In 1853, in New York, he was married to Mary Peterson and they became the parents of seven children, all of whom are now living: John Oliver, our subject; Henry A., who is married and has three children; F. G., who is also married and has three children; Lizzie R., who married August Pantel and is

the mother of six children; Mary, who is the wife of W. A. Weirhauser, of Flat-iron Point, Iowa, and has five children; C. F., who is married and has two children; and Emma, who is the wife of Franz Pantel and has two children.

John O. Holtz received his early education in the district schools of Sweetland township. He continued at home until he was twenty-two years of age, when he began farming on his own account by renting one hundred and twenty acres of land. He later farmed eighty acres more and in 1881, having prospered in his work, he purchased eighty acres in Sweetland township, upon which he took up his residence. He is recognized as one of the energetic and progressive farmers of his locality and is secretary of the Mount Prominent Grove Telephone Company and also serves upon the executive board of the Farmers Mutual Insurance Company.

On December 27, 1882, Mr. Holtz was united in marriage to Miss Carrie May Gipple, a daughter of George and Mary Gipple, both of her parents being natives of Pennsylvania and now living at Letts, Iowa. Her father was born May 4, 1827, and her mother October 6, 1826. Mr. Gipple and his wife were among the early settlers of eastern Iowa. One son, John William, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Holtz. He is now living at home.

For a number of years Mr. Holtz has filled the office of school treasurer. He also served seven years as township clerk and two years as township assessor. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a stanch supporter, being steward and treasurer at the present time. As one of the prominent men of Sweetland township. Mr. Holtz has assisted materially in forwarding the best interests of his part of the county and is always willing to lend a hand in advancing any worthy movements that have for their object the promotion of friendship and good-will among men.

JOHN A. WILL.

John A. Will, residing at 109 West Fifth street in Muscatine, is prominently connected with agricultural and stock-raising interests in this section of the state. Pennsylvania numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Cumberland county, November 17, 1836. His father, Joseph Will, was also born in the Keystone state and was a farmer by occupation. He married Miss Weiser, a native of Switzerland, and they established their home in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, where were born unto them five children, two sons and three daughters, namely: Henry; Mary, who became the wife of Nelson Poole; Catharine, who married a Mr. Hoover; Elizabeth, the wife of Isaac Weaver; and John A., of this review. All are now deceased with the exception of the last named, who was but three months old when his mother died, in February, 1837. His parents were of the Lutheran faith. The father died in Richland county, Ohio, in 1841, and John A. Will was thus left an orphan when less than five years of age. He was reared by a good Lutheran family by the name of Sheeley, who lived in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, until he had passed the age of seven years, when they removed to Iowa, bring-

ing Mr. Will with them. Mr. Sheeley purchased a farm of eighty acres in Lake township and there the foster parents of our subject passed away when well advanced in life.

John A. Will was reared in their home as a farm boy and attended the district schools. He started out independently to earn his living when sixteen or seventeen years of age by cutting cord wood at seventy-five cents per cord, yet made his home with the Sheeley family until he attained his majority. For a time he worked at odd jobs, accepting any employment that would yield him an honest living. Afterward he purchased two yoke of oxen and engaged in breaking prairie for several years prior to turning his attention to farming on his own account. His first purchase of land in 1867 made him the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in Lake township, upon which a cabin had been built and an orchard set out. He erected a good frame dwelling there, improved the place and later extended its boundaries by the additional purchase of a tract of two hundred and forty acres. Upon that farm he resided until 1882, when he purchased the old Lucas place of two hundred and forty acres, occupying it until 1904, when he removed to Muscatine. He still owns that farm and several other properties, his landed possessions aggregating about seven hundred acres, from which he derives a splendid annual income. In addition to the cultivation of cereals best adapted to soil and climate while upon the farm, he engaged in breeding thoroughbred Hereford cattle for fourteen years and was remarkably successful both in that work and in the cultivation of the fields.

On the 13th of March, 1862, Mr. Will was married to Miss Mary Ann McCoy, a daughter of Daniel and Elsinia McCoy, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of New York, while their daughter, Mary A., was born on Long Island, July 4, 1839. Mr. and Mrs. Will were the parents of nine children. Chester, living on the old home farm, married Adella Barnard and has three children: Glenn, Helen and Herschel. Frances, the second of the family, is at home. Charles, a farmer and stockman, living in Muscatine, married Amanda Fletcher and has two children, Harold and Ralph. Edward, who follows farming and dairying in Bloomington township, married Adella Barger and has two daughters, Margaret and Blanche. Joseph, who follows farming in Bloomington township, wedded Grace Ayers and they have four children: Allen, Gayle, Esther and John. Elsie lives at home. John Webb, who is engaged in the butchering business in Muscatine, married Phoebe Barnard, who died, leaving two children, Earle and Mildred. Bert, who is in partnership with his brother John, married Carrie Smalley and they have one child, Sadie Bernice. One of the children of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Will died in infancy. The mother passed away March 14, 1910, at the age of seventy years and eight months. She was reared in the Episcopal faith but at her death was a member of the Methodist church.

Mr. Will was reared a Lutheran but also became a member of the Methodist church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he has served as supervisor, school director and township trustee but has never been a politician in the commonly accepted sense of the term, preferring to devote his time and energies to business affairs which, guided by his sound judgment, have

brought to him a substantial return, making him one of the prosperous citizens of the county. He is now practically living retired although he has valuable farming interests to which he gives his personal supervision. He has ever been reliable as well as progressive in business affairs and his name is an honored one among business men throughout the county.

JOHN F. LUTJE.

One of the well known farmers of Muscatine county now living retired in Stockton is John F. Lutje, who was born in Germany on the 15th of May, 1854, being a son of Hans and Anna Lutje, also natives of Germany. The parents came to the United States in 1873 and first settled in Scott county, Iowa, but later came to Stockton, Muscatine county, where they lived for several years. They then removed to Nebraska, and while on a visit back to his son the father died in 1883. They were the parents of thirteen children, three of whom survive, as follows: Eggert F., a resident of Kansas; Lena, the wife of Hans Weis of Nebraska; and John F. For her second husband the mother married John Gable, of Nebraska, and they lived on a farm in that state until 1907, at which time Mr. Gable passed away and the widow made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Weis, until her death December 7, 1910.

John F. Lutje remained a member of his father's household in the fatherland until he was seventeen years of age, at which time he decided that the United States offered more and better inducements to energetic and ambitious young men than his native land and in 1871—two years before his parents emigrated—he sailed for America. When he reached New York he resolutely started westward feeling assured that to people of limited means it afforded greater opportunities. He located in Scott county, Iowa, and for six years he worked as a farm hand by the month. Always thrifty, he carefully laid aside a portion of his wages each month and in 1877 he became an independent farmer. After renting land for three years he had by means of close application, good management and industry accumulated sufficient capital to enable him to realize his ambition—a farm of his own. He bought an eighty acre tract, which he cultivated for twenty-five years, and at the end of that period he was able to retire, which fact is a tribute to his capable and well directed effort.

Mr. Lutje has been twice married, his first wife to whom he was united on the 24th of October, 1876, was Miss Mary Evers, a native of Germany, who came to America with her mother and here the mother passed away while on a visit to one of her children. The father died in Germany at the venerable age of eighty-three years. Mrs. Lutje passed away on the 27th of November, 1905, and was laid to rest in Durant cemetery, Muscatine county, Iowa. The following year Mr. Lutje married his present wife, who was Miss Amalie Blunk, a native of Scott county, Iowa, who was born on the 2d of December, 1887, a daughter of Christ and Recker Blunk, both natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Blunk came to the United States at an early date and settled on a farm in Scott county and lived on same until 1908, when they removed to Texas, where they

continue to live, the father at the age of fifty years and the mother at fifty-one years of age. They are the parents of the following children: Minnie, the wife of Charley Wolfe, of Muscatine county, Iowa; Amelia, also a resident of Muscatine county; Lena, who married William Geese, of this county; William, of Stockton, Iowa; Mrs. Lutje; August and Emil, also residents of Iowa. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lutje have been born two children: John F., born on the 14th of January, 1907; and Harvey William, born on the 31st of October, 1909.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lutje are members of the German Lutheran church. Ever since granted the full rights of citizenship by naturalization Mr. Lutje has cast his ballot for the candidates of the republican party and his party fealty has been rewarded by his constituency having made him treasurer of the school board for four years, while he is at present serving his third term as road supervisor in Cleona township, Scott county. He has met with more than an average degree of success since he came to America, being the owner of a nice residence in Stockton and one hundred and sixty acres of land in South Dakota. He has a competence which is sufficient to provide his family with all of the necessities and some of the luxuries of life.

JESSE CHARLES WOOD.

A highly respected citizen of Muscatine county, Jesse C. Wood is, as a breeder of pure blooded hogs, assisting very materially in adding to the wealth of the country. He is also contributing to the permanent growth of the farming interests. Born in Sweetland township, September 7, 1863, he is a son of Charles P. and Sarah H. (Carr) Wood, a record of whom is given in the sketch of Addison James Wood elsewhere in this work. There were seven children in the family, the subject of this review being the sixth in order of birth. The others were: Martha and Mary, both of whom died in infancy; Addison James, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume; William Griffith, who married Susan Deitrick and is the father of three children: Charles Levy, Agnes and Herbert; Walter H., deceased; and Ida S., who married Albert Phelps, of Knoxville, Iowa, and is the mother of four children: Bernice, Harry, Claude and Mark.

Jesse C. Wood received his education in the district schools and was reared upon his father's farm, assisting in its work and showing great interest, especially in the farm animals. At eighteen years of age he went to Keith county, Nebraska, where he remained for several years, engaging in mercantile business. Yielding to a desire to travel further, he became a resident of Oklahoma and was in that territory in 1892 at the time when the lands were thrown open and thousands of eager home-seekers made a dash for desirable locations. He owned at one time fifty lots in Oklahoma. He next journeyed to the Pacific coast, where he remained for several years, engaging in various enterprises. In 1898 he returned to Muscatine county and purchased sixty acres of land on section 7, Sweetland township, which he thoroughly cultivated, meeting with the reward of perseverance and well applied industry. He is a large stock-raiser and makes



MR. AND MRS. J. C. WOOD

a specialty of breeding Duroc Jersey hogs. He has produced some of the finest specimens of this breed that have ever been sent out of Muscatine county, animals from his farm having carried off many prizes at the agricultural fairs of Iowa.

On the 21st of August, 1907, Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Florence Cooling, a daughter of Frederick and Emma (James) Cooling, the former of whom was born in New York state and the latter in Illinois. Her parents were married in Illinois and later removed to Wilton Junction, Iowa, where the mother is still living, but the father passed away on the 2d of August, 1900. Mrs. Wood is the third in order of birth in a family of seven children, the others being: Nettie, the wife of C. M. Higley of Cawker City, Kansas; Anna, deceased; Richard C.; Albert C.; Louis F.; and Eugenia, the wife of Rev. W. O. Harless, of Indianola, Iowa.

Although Mr. Worth gives little attention to politics, his time being mainly devoted to his private affairs, he has served in public office and is now clerk of his township. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Modern Brotherhood of America. In his work as a stock-breeder he has won a reputation that extends far beyond the boundaries of Muscatine county and he is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of his locality.

R. FRANK BENHAM.

It requires a man of courage, strength of character and good judgment to fill the office of sheriff in such a way as to meet the approval of the tax-payers of a county. The subject of this review is now sheriff of Muscatine county, Iowa, and has so conducted the office as to merit the commendation of all law-abiding citizens, also promoting a wholesome regard for law throughout the county.

He was born at Versailles, Ripley county, Indiana, March 13, 1864, and is a son of Milford and Ann (Smith) Benham, both of whom were born in Indiana. The father was a native of Ripley county and for years was editor of the Versailles Republican. On the evening of April 14, 1865, he and his family landed from a Mississippi river steamboat at Muscatine, where he still resides. He engaged as buyer and shipper of grain and hay for a number of years and for the past twenty years has been identified with the agricultural implement business. He has taken great interest in educational affairs and served with credit as president of the school board of Muscatine. Although he never urged his claims for public office, he was elected to the city council as alderman of the third ward for several terms, being known as one of the most valued members of that body. The mother of our subject was called from earthly scenes in March, 1905, at the age of sixty-six years. James Benham, the paternal grandfather, was a native of Tennessee and was of English descent. He engaged in farming and emigrated to Indiana, being one of the sturdy pioneers of that state. There were ten children in his family: Milford, Jacob L., James, Harri-

son, Andrew, William, deceased, Lina, Zora, Susan and Ellen, deceased. The maternal grandfather was John Wesley Smith, who was a native of New York but removed to Indiana, becoming county treasurer of Ripley county. His wife, who was Mary Kennedy before her marriage, lived to the age of seventy-nine years but her husband died in middle life. Three children blessed their union: Robert K., a soldier of the Civil war, who was killed at the battle of Perryville, Kentucky; Carl W., a prominent physician of Muscatine; and Ann, who became Mrs. Benham. To Milford and Ann Benham four children were born: R. Frank, our subject; J. Mell, of Muscatine; Bert C., also of Muscatine; and Ettie, the wife of C. S. Guthrie, of Muscatine.

R. Frank Benham was brought to Muscatine by his parents at the age of one year, one month and one day and has since made his home in this city. He was educated in the public schools and after laying his books aside assisted his father in the implement business until 1895, when the latter temporarily retired. Our subject then became associated with Fred Giessler in the same line, continuing with marked success until 1907, when he gave up mercantile pursuits, having been elected sheriff of Muscatine county. This position he has filled to the general satisfaction of voters of the county irrespective of their party affiliation, being also a prime favorite with the judges of the court on account of the fidelity with which he performs his duties.

On the 9th of May, 1894, Mr. Benham was united in marriage to Mrs. Minnie Lee, the widow of Melvin Lee. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rosenbach, both of whom were born in Germany. Her father came to Iowa about 1855 and settled at Buffalo, where he still resides at the age of eighty-five years. His wife died after having passed her seventieth year. There were eight children in their family: Julius; August; Gustave; Louis; Minnie, now Mrs. Benham; Louisa, the wife of Henry Herman; Mrs. Edward Swan; and Alvina, now Mrs. P. M. Johnson, of Sioux City, Iowa. Mrs. Benham was the mother of two children by her former marriage: Fred Lee, who married Ethel Girard; and Edna, now the wife of Henry Lashanzkey.

Sheriff Benham is highly sociable in disposition but has limited his membership to one fraternal order, the Knights of Pythias, whose teachings of brotherhood he heartily accepts. A resident of Muscatine county for forty-five years, he is well acquainted with its resources and possibilities and few men have a wider personal acquaintance with its people. It is entirely within the bounds of truth to say that he is one of the most popular citizens in the county.

FRANK DWIGHT THROOP.

Frank Dwight Throop, publisher of the Muscatine Journal, was born at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, September 23, 1878. He is a representative of one of the old families of New York. His grandfather, D. D. W. C. Throop, was born in the Empire state and, removing westward in the '60s, soon afterward became editor of the Free Press at Muscatine, being thus connected with the paper for twenty years. His articles were characterized by a virility and clear-

ness which made them of widespread interest. He was engaged in writing an editorial when death suddenly claimed him in 1888, when he was sixty-eight years of age. In early manhood he had wedded Lydia Ann Whipple, who was born in New York, to which state she returned after her husband's death. She still makes occasional trips to the middle west although she is now eighty-five years of age. In their family were two sons and a daughter: George E.; Eliza, the deceased wife of M. J. Blanding; and James H., a resident of Norwich, New York.

George E. Throop was born in New York and spent his boyhood days in that state, acquiring his education in the public schools. He then traveled to some extent and in 1868 became a resident of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and was appointed to the position of local editor of the Mount Pleasant Free Press, of which his father was editor in chief. His connection with the paper covered almost two decades, at the end of which time he retired to accept the position of deputy postmaster, which he filled for eleven years. On the expiration of that period he became business manager and part owner of the Daily and Weekly News of Mount Pleasant. In 1905 he removed to Muscatine and since 1906 has been deputy county auditor. He married Ida Gimble, a native of Illinois and a daughter of Oswald J. and Clara H. (Smith) Gimble, the former born in Germany and the latter in Philadelphia. Mr. Gimble followed the contracting business in the east and in the '40s removed westward to Illinois, remaining a resident of Peoria until 1856, when he took up his abode in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. There he engaged in business as a contractor but later turned his attention to mercantile pursuits, conducting a grocery store. A short time prior to his death he removed to Galesburg, Illinois, where he was killed by the cars in 1898, when about sixty-eight years of age. His widow still survives, as do their two children, Ida and Anna, Charles Byron dying in 1901. The first named became the wife of George E. Throop and Frank D. Throop of this review is their only child. Both parents are members of the Universalist church and during their residence in Muscatine have won many friends.

Frank D. Throop was reared in his native city and attended the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the high school with the class of 1895. He then entered the Iowa Wesleyan University, from which he was graduated in 1899. During his school days he also learned and followed the printer's trade, thus aiding to pay his way through college. He afterward worked at his trade, becoming a linotype operator on the Clinton Herald with which he was connected until September 1, 1901. He then removed to Muscatine and became city editor of the Journal, so continuing until January, 1903, when he resigned and went to Kewanee, Illinois, where for a year and a half he was editor and part owner of the Kewanee Evening Press. He sold his interest in 1904 and went to Sterling, Illinois, becoming managing editor of the Sterling Standard. In the spring of 1905 he returned to Muscatine as managing editor of the Journal and following the death of W. L. Lane, the publisher of the paper, in January, 1907, Mr. Throop acquired his interest and has since been publisher and a stockholder. The Journal is republican in politics and is published in daily and semi-weekly editions. It is an exponent of

progressive and modern ideas of journalism and has thus secured a liberal advertising patronage and a large circulation.

On the 21st of June, 1905, Mr. Throop was married to Miss Mabel Leverich, a native of this city, who after her graduation from the high school with the class of 1897 engaged successfully in teaching for several years. Her parents were Professor R. W. and Olive (Garlock) Leverich. Two daughters have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Throop, Marjorie and Mary Katherine. The family residence is at No. 309 West Second street, where Mr. Throop owns a good home. Its hospitality is greatly enjoyed by the many friends of the family. Mr. Throop belongs to the Ancient Order of United Workmen and in religious faith is a Universalist, while his wife is a member of the Trinity Episcopal church. Both have become widely known and many attractive social characteristics and substantial qualities have gained them high and favorable regard.

HENRY P. BRODERS.

Another of the extensive landowners and successful farmers of Fulton township, Muscatine county, is Henry P. Broders, who was born on the farm where he now resides on the 5th of October, 1872. His parents, Peter F. and Sophia (Hansen) Broders, were both natives of Germany but emigrated to America before their marriage. The father first settled in Davenport, Iowa, in 1863, and soon after the young people were married and bought eighty acres of prairie land in Fulton township, Muscatine county, upon which they immediately located. Upon them devolved all of the privations and hardships suffered by pioneers the world over, but they were young and strong and never for one moment did their courage fail or their absolute confidence in the ultimate victory waver; their failures but serving to give them courage their successes hope. Hard work, application and rigid economy enabled them to add to their holdings from time to time so that at the time of their retirement in March, 1898, they owned one section of highly improved and cultivated land, every acre of which had been bought at the cost of much labor and self-denial. They are now living in Durant enjoying the fruit of their many years of toil, the father at the age of seventy years and the mother at sixty-five. Mr. and Mrs. Broders were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom still survive. They are as follows: Augusta M.; Amelia C.; Ernest F.; Henry P.; Emma T.; Agnes S.; Laura M.; George H.; Emil H., who died at the age of twenty-one years; Harry T.; and Rose, who died in infancy.

Henry P. Broders spent his boyhood and youth under the paternal roof, occupying his days in the way common to most boys reared on a farm. His education was obtained in the district schools of Muscatine county and when he had attained the age when it seemed best for him to lay aside his text-books and give more attention to the work of the farm he assisted his father. At the age of twenty-two years he left the parental roof to begin a home of his own, having been married, and for six years he farmed as a renter, always looking ahead to the time when he would be able to become a property owner, but the price of

Iowa farm land had multiplied many times since his father first became a resident of the state, and it was not until 1900 that he felt justified in such an undertaking and at that time he bought eighty acres which he cultivated until 1909, when he bought the old homestead with its two hundred and twenty acres of well tilled fields. He is now the owner of two hundred and ninety acres of as finely improved and valuable land as can be found in Fulton township. In addition to this he has sixteen hundred acres of land in Jeff Davis county, Texas. Mr. Broders has not confined his efforts entirely to tilling the soil as he has speculated quite extensively in stock while carrying on his agricultural pursuits.

On the 21st of February, 1894, Mr. Broder was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Paulsen, who was born in Scott county, Iowa, on the 6th of July, 1875. Mrs. Broders is a daughter of Peter and Dora (Ott) Paulsen, who were natives of Germany but were married in the United States. They always followed farming until the time of their retirement in 1901, when they removed to Durant and there the father passed away on the 1st of December, 1907. The mother died on the 21st of November, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Paulsen had the following children: Henry, William, Peter, John, Minnie and Paulina, all of whom are living. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Broders have been born three children: Olga M., born on the 19th of December, 1897; Elfrie L., born January 23, 1899; and Ralph P., born January 10, 1895.

Ever since he attained his majority Mr. Broders has been identified with the democratic party. He takes an active part in all of the local political issues and served for ten years as a member of the school board and two years as township trustee. Both Mr. and Mrs. Broders have many friends in the community where they reside, who hold them in high regard.

WALTER EDWARD MARTIN.

For more than a quarter of a century Walter E. Martin has been a resident of Muscatine county and today he is one of its fortunate landowners, possessing one of the most productive farms in Sweetland township. He was born in Warren county, New Jersey, January 17, 1857, and is of Scotch-Irish descent on the paternal side. His father, Benjamin Frank Martin, was also a native of Warren county, born September 30, 1820, and was a son of Jonathan and Lydia (Reed) Martin. The mother of our subject was Mary S. Pittinger before her marriage, a daughter of William and Hannah (Van Horn) Pittinger. There were thirteen children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Martin, seven of whom are now living, Walter E. being sixth in order of birth. The father died in Sussex county, New Jersey, December 29, 1880, at the age of sixty years, and the mother was called away in December, 1901. B. F. Martin was a very successful business man and was highly respected in his native state on account of his many commendable qualities. At the time of his death he was the owner of about four hundred acres of land.

Walter E. Martin received his education in the public schools and continued in New Jersey for several years after reaching his majority. As an ambitious

young man he desired to advance as rapidly as possible and in 1884 came to Muscatine county, Iowa, where he began farming on his own account upon rented land. Subsequently he purchased one hundred acres in Wilton township, upon which he lived for nearly nine years, and then in 1892 removed to Sweetland township, where he located permanently upon a tract of one hundred and sixty-three acres. As time passed he acquired more land until he now owns a beautiful place of two hundred and seventy-six acres which under his skilful management has become highly productive. He cultivates his farm along up-to-date lines and keeps thoroughly informed as to the markets and the most approved methods in agriculture and stock-raising.

On April 23, 1884, Mr. Martin was united in marriage to Miss Addie G. McClean, a daughter of William and Hannah McClean, in whose family there were seven children, of whom she was the eldest. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Martin six children have been born: Mary, who married Henry Paul and has one child, Ina Fay; Joseph S., who married Lois Darling and is the father of one child, Olive Mae; Percival, Lizzie, Benjamin and Clyde, all of whom are at home.

Fraternally Mr. Martin is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and the Grange. He is a staunch friend of education and for many years has served as a member of the school board. In his wife he has found a worthy assistant and loving companion. She is a woman of fine social qualities and of excellent judgment. In the work of development and progress in the region where he lives Mr. Martin has borne an active part and always contributes his full share toward any worthy undertaking.

GOLDSMITH O. DAY.

Among the representatives of well known families in Muscatine county may be named Goldsmith O. Day, a prosperous farmer of Sweetland township, who by a life of industry and wisely directed effort has gained the good-will of all who know him. He is a native of Muscatine county and was born November 24, 1874, a son of Josiah Day, who was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, July 13, 1827. On coming to Muscatine county, the father purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land on section 34, Sweetland township. Subsequently he removed to section 3 of the same township, where he lived thirty-eight years. In 1894 he returned to Pennsylvania and departed this life in his native state thirteen years later. The mother of our subject before her marriage was Phoebe J. Minton.

The youngest of a family of six children, Goldsmith O. Day was educated in the district schools and after laying his books aside devoted his attention to farming. In 1900 he began acquiring land on his own account and is now the owner of one hundred and sixty acres in Sweetland township, which he has highly improved, and provided with appliances and conveniences for up-to-date farming. Energetic and capable in all details pertaining to his calling, Mr. Day by strict adherence to well considered plans has gained high standing in the farming community, the attractive appearance of his place giving evidence of the practical and progressive character of its owner.

In 1901 Mr. Day was united in marriage to Miss Grace M. Romig, a daughter of Aaron and Mary Romig, the former representing one of the old families of the county. Mr. Day is fraternally identified with the Modern Brotherhood of America. He is not affiliated with any religious denomination but his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church, to whose teachings she yields earnest assent. Politically Mr. Day gives his adherence to the democratic party. Although he is a young man and just fairly launched in his business career, he has attained a gratifying measure of success. He is now one of the substantial citizens of the county and has gained this position by straightforward methods, which each year increase his efficiency and influence. No man in the township stands higher in the regard of those who know him than the gentleman whose name introduces this review.

ANTHONY J. FULLER.

Labor, carefully directed, constitutes the secret of success in the life work of Anthony J. Fuller, now well known in industrial circles of Muscatine, where he is engaged in the manufacture of brick. He is a native son of the city, born January 12, 1865. His parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Beck) Fuller, natives of Germany. The father was reared as a farm boy in that country and when a young man determined to try his fortune in America for he had heard favorable reports concerning the opportunities offered in this country. He settled first in St. Louis, where he was married, and later he became one of the pioneer residents of Muscatine, casting in his lot with the inhabitants of this city at the time when the population was very small. He began the manufacture of brick and continued in the business for many years, furnishing building material for many of the substantial structures in this city and the surrounding country. He died in 1892 at the age of sixty-seven years and his wife passed away in March, 1905, when seventy-eight years of age. In the family of Henry and Elizabeth Fuller there were seven children, five of whom are now living: Joseph, of West Liberty, Iowa; Henry, residing in Muscatine; Mary, the wife of Martin Havercamp, of Muscatine; and Anthony J. and George, both of this city.

Anthony J. Fuller was born and reared in Muscatine and attended the parochial schools. In his youth he learned the brick-maker's trade under the direction of his father, and that has been his life work with the exception of a period of six years spent in clerking. In 1892 he formed a partnership with John Shoemaker and the association was maintained for nine years, at the end of which time Mr. Fuller purchased Mr. Shoemaker's interest and is conducting the business alone at the present time. He now has a well equipped plant supplied with the latest improved machinery necessary for the manufacture of brick, and his output amounts to three hundred and fifty thousand brick annually. The business has constantly grown, owing to his capable direction and he is numbered among the most industrious, upright and honorable business men to whom success has come as the reward of close application and untiring

effort. The many buildings that have been erected from the brick he has manufactured will be lasting testimonials of his business ability and enterprise.

On the 23d of November, 1887, Mr. Fuller was united in marriage to Miss Anna Schaefer, a daughter of George and Anna (Daflor) Schaefer. Mrs. Fuller was born in Muscatine and her father and mother were natives of Germany. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fuller have been born five children: George, Anthony, Florence, Mabel and Harold.

The parents are members of the Catholic church and Mr. Fuller belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. In 1909 he erected a commodious and beautiful residence and he owns four and a half acres of ground containing about eighteen lots. Success has come to him as the reward of earnest, persistent effort. He early realized the fact that "There is no excellence without labor," and in his business career he has always given proof of the old-time adage that "Honesty is the best policy." Reliable, persevering and determined, he has made constant progress since starting out in life for himself and is now a well known and worthy representative of industrial interests in Muscatine.

NICHOLAS LANG.

Among the large landholders living in Muscatine county is Nicholas Lang. He has been a resident of this county since his boyhood and began acquiring land many years ago, being now the owner of one thousand, five hundred and sixty-five acres in Muscatine and adjoining counties. He was born in Germany, July 22, 1836, and is the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Byrider) Lang, also natives of Germany. They came to America after their marriage and the father began his career as a farmer by buying eighty acres of land and later entering forty acres in Muscatine county, Iowa, in the autumn of 1848. He was a man of great energy and perseverance and was very successful in his work, becoming the owner of a farm of four hundred and eighty acres in this county. He died in January, 1875, at the age of sixty-nine years. Mrs. Lang survived her husband thirty-one years and passed away in 1906, having reached the venerable age of ninety-eight years. She was in good health all her life until within a short time of her demise. There were eight children in the family, six of whom are now living.

Nicholas Lang was educated in the schools of Germany and applied himself very early to agriculture and stock-raising, so that he became quite expert in those lines even before he reached manhood. He continued upon the home farm until he was twenty-six years of age and then rented part of the farm. Two years later he began purchasing land where he now lives. He has been remarkably successful and is now the owner of seven hundred and twenty-five acres in Wilton and Moscow townships, two hundred and forty acres in Cedar county, and two farms of two hundred and fifty and three hundred and fifty acres, respectively, in Louisa county. All of this valuable property he has acquired through his own efforts. That he is a man of unusual foresight and ability is fully demonstrated, and in all his dealings he has been governed by principles



MR. AND MRS. NICHOLAS LANG

of the strictest integrity. For a number of years he has made a specialty of feeding cattle and hogs, which he delivers in large numbers to the markets.

In 1862 Mr. Lang was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Lieberknecht, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1842, a daughter of Nicholas and Kathrine Lieberknecht. Her parents were both natives of Germany. From Pennsylvania they removed to Louisa county, Iowa, where they continued during the remainder of their lives. Eight children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lang: Benjamin, of Wilton township; Henry, of Louisa county, Iowa; George, also of Louisa county; William, of Wilton Junction; Lewis, at home; Albert, deceased; Nellie, wife of Dr. William Miller, of Wilton; and Bertha, now Mrs. R. Herr, of Cedar county, Iowa.

Mr. Lang was called upon to mourn the loss of his beloved wife May 2, 1908, the separation from one who had been to him for nearly forty-five years a faithful companion, being the severest affliction he has ever known. She was a woman of many noble qualities who greatly endeared herself to all with whom she was associated. Mr. Lang is a member of the Evangelical church, as was his wife, and is a liberal contributor toward its support. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party. As a patriotic citizen he assists when opportunity offers in advancing public interests and he has served acceptably as member of the school board.

P. F. CARROLL.

At the age of twenty-one years, P. F. Carroll, now a prominent farmer of Muscatine county, landed on American soil from his native country, Ireland, and has ever since made his home under the friendly protection of the stars and stripes. Here he found fortune and friends, and today no man in Wilton township is more highly respected. He was born on the Emerald isle, September 28, 1862, the son of John and Mary (Ferrigan) Carroll. The father died in Ireland in 1890, and the following spring the mother came to America and is now living at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There were ten children in the family, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: P. F., our subject; Paul, now living in Scotland; Kathrine, wife of Pat Mathews of New York city; Bridget, now Mrs. William Butler, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; John, of New York city; Margaret, wife of Robert Steel, of Albia, Iowa; Thomas, of Nevada; and Peter, of Cedar Rapids.

P. F. Carroll was educated in the national schools and at the age of fourteen entered the civil service under Queen Victoria of England. After an experience of two years he decided to change his occupation and went to Scotland, where he engaged in mining for four years. Returning to his own home on a visit, he decided to seek his fortune on the western shores of the Atlantic and accordingly came to America, landing in New York city, where he spent two months. His first regular occupation in this country was as a farm hand in Iowa county, Iowa. After spending one year on the farm he became connected with railway service, continuing in various capacities for thirteen years, and becoming fore-

man in the department of car inspection. In 1897 he severed his connection with the railroad and came to Muscatine county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm of eighty acres on section 19, Wilton township, where he has since lived. He has greatly improved the place, providing it with all the conveniences for successful operations, and as a general farmer he secures a good income.

In 1889 Mr. Carroll was united in marriage to Miss Catherine M. Kelley, who was born in Muscatine county in 1863, the daughter of Frank and Bridget (Fiehaly) Kelley, both of whom were natives of Ireland. Seven children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll: James P., of Parnell, Iowa; Catherine M., at home; John F., at home; Margaret A., attending school at Iowa City; Mary A., at home; Monica, deceased; and Esther B.

Mr. Carroll suffered the greatest bereavement of his life in the loss of his beloved companion, who was called from earthly scenes December 6, 1903. She was a woman of many estimable traits of character and as head of a household, wife and mother, discharged every duty with unswerving fidelity to the highest interest of the family. Mr. Carroll and his family are consistent members of the Catholic church and earnest workers in its behalf. Politically he is identified with the democratic party. He has served to the entire satisfaction of the people of the district as member of the school board but has never been an aspirant for a public office, as his attention is mainly directed to his private affairs and to looking after the comfort of his children.

PAUL STEINMETZ.

Not a few of the leading business men of Muscatine were born in the state of Iowa and many of them are natives of this city and have here passed their entire lives. Among the number may be named Paul Steinmetz, whose eyes first opened to the light of day August 19, 1866. He is a son of Conrad and Catharine (Hahn) Steinmetz, both of whom were natives of Germany. The father was a cabinet-maker in the old country. He came to America after arriving at manhood and located in Muscatine, Iowa, where he followed his trade and worked for the Stein Furniture Company, being connected with that company for about fifty years. He departed this life August 2, 1896, at the age of seventy-six years, having been born February 6, 1820. His wife still survives and is a member of the German Methodist church, as was her husband. They were the parents of six children: Anna, who married Adam Beck and is now deceased; Louise, of Muscatine; John H., deceased; Paul, our subject; Arthur, of Muscatine; and Katie, who died when she was about four years old.

Paul Steinmetz was educated in the public schools of this city and after laying his books aside he was employed for a short time by the Stein Furniture Company. He next engaged as clerk for four years in Jackson's U. S. Clothing Store and then served in a similar capacity in the clothing store of S. & L. Cohn. Having acquired a good knowledge of mercantile operations, he became associated with P. F. Anson in the establishment of a business which was incorporated as the Anson Clothing Company, of which Mr. Anson is now presi-

dent and Mr. Steinmetz secretary and treasurer. This firm is one of the enterprising and progressive concerns of the city and has acquired a wide reputation on account of the ability of its management and the excellence of the goods which it offers for sale.

On the 13th of November, 1890, Mr. Steinmetz was united in marriage to Miss Clara S. Zeidler, a daughter of William and Christina Zeidler, and two children have been born to them: Elmer P. and Esther C.

Politically Mr. Steinmetz affiliates with the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the prosperity of the state and nation. Fraternally he is a valued member of Wyoming Lodge, No. 76, K. P. He and his wife hold membership in the German Methodist Episcopal church and they are liberal supporters of that organization. The life of Mr. Steinmetz has been such as to attract the esteem of those with whom he has come in contact. Thoroughly reliable and trustworthy in business, he has attained deserved success and is known in Muscatine as one of its most estimable citizens.

P. FRANK ANSON.

P. Frank Anson, president of the Anson Clothing Company of Muscatine, was born in this city, September 11, 1856. He is a son of Michael and Alice (Murphy) Anson, both of whom were born in County Tipperary, Ireland. The father was a painter by trade and, like thousands of his countrymen, sought to improve his financial condition by emigration to America. He arrived in St. Louis in 1847 and one year later came to Muscatine, Iowa, where he located permanently. He became a contractor in his line, being very successful in his business and a remarkably fine workman. He departed this life in 1893, his wife surviving until September 15, 1908, when she passed away at the age of seventy-five years. They were both members of the Roman Catholic church and were married in the little church at the rear of Graham's drug store in 1852. Mr. Anson was an ardent democrat and greatly loved his home and his family. The paternal grandfather of our subject, Richard Anson, was born and reared in the city of Cashel, Ireland. The maiden name of his wife was Margaret Fahey. The maternal grandfather was Philip Murphy, a farmer, who married Johanna Ryan. He died at sea while coming to this country. His wife continued her journey and settled in Muscatine about 1850, where she died at the age of eighty-two years. They were the parents of eleven children, eight of whom grew to maturity; Michael, Alice, Philip, Patrick, John, Lawrence, Ellen and Mary. To Michael and Alice Anson nine children were born, seven of whom are now living: P. Frank, our subject; Mary, of Muscatine; Elizabeth, the wife of J. J. McNulty, of Muscatine; Joseph, of Kansas City, Missouri; Alice, of Muscatine; Mark M., also of Muscatine; and Margaret, the wife of William Stapleton, of Muscatine.

P. Frank Anson was reared under the favoring influences of a happy home and educated in the public and parochial schools of Muscatine. He began his business career at the painter's trade under his father, which he continued for

five years. His first experience in the mercantile line was as clerk in the clothing store of Bach & Friedman, being identified with this firm from 1878 to 1882. He next entered the employ of the S. & L. Cohn Clothing Company, and in 1896 in partnership with Paul Steinmetz, he incorporated the Anson Clothing Company, beginning in a small way in the room now occupied by F. W. Swan. By good management the business grew rapidly and in 1899 the company removed to its present commodious quarters, consisting of a double store and basement, where one of the largest and best selected stocks of clothing is displayed that may be seen in the state of Iowa.

On the 14th of November, 1888, Mr. Anson was united in marriage to Miss Alice E. Barry, a daughter of Nicholas and Alice (Potts) Barry, a record of whom is presented elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Anson was born in Rock Island and came with her parents to Muscatine in her childhood. She belongs to one of the prominent families of the city. Three children came to brighten the home, two of whom are living: J. Barry and Raphael.

Mr. and Mrs. Anson are members of St. Mathias Catholic church and contribute liberally toward its support. Mr. Anson holds membership in the Knights of Columbus, the Commercial Club, the Geneva County Golf Club and the Muscatine Launch Club. Politically he is a staunch adherent of the democratic party. He was a charter member of the Excelsior Hose Company and for thirty years consecutively served as treasurer of that organization. On the thirtieth anniversary of the company, in February, 1907, he was presented a gold headed cane by his associates in recognition of his unselfish labors in behalf of the company. He is a valued factor in the private social life of the city and has many friends whom he has attracted by his kindly disposition and genial manners. Hence he is honored today not only in business circles but by the best citizens generally irrespective of religious or political affiliation.

DANIEL SAUER.

It is astonishing to witness the success of young men who have emigrated to America without capital and from a position of comparative obscurity have worked their way upward to a position of prominence. The readiness with which they adapt themselves to circumstances and take advantage of opportunities offered brings to them success and wins them a place among the leading men of the community in which they reside. To this class belongs Daniel Sauer, who is today one of the most prominent agriculturists of Muscatine county, he and his sons now operating about one thousand acres of land in this section of Iowa.

Mr. Sauer is a native of Germany, born in Hesse-Darmstadt, February 15, 1840. His parents, Jacob and Barbara (Piffer) Sauer, spent their entire lives in the fatherland, and there reared a family of eight children, several of whom emigrated to the new world but only three of the number are now living. The family record is as follows: Christiana, who became the wife of William Sauer, a cousin, but both are now deceased, their deaths occurring in Scott county,

Iowa; William, who died of cholera in his native country when thirty-six years of age; Catharine, who became the wife of Henry Link but is now deceased; Daniel, of this review; Elizabeth, who wedded John Link; Barbara, the widow of John Bosson and now a resident of Davenport, Iowa; Mary, the wife of Jacob Picht, of Seattle, Washington; and Lisset, who died in youth.

Daniel Sauer, the fourth in order of birth in his father's family, was reared to farm life, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the farm lad. He served six years in the regular army in Germany and was honorably discharged in April, 1866, but soon thereafter the war of 1866 broke out and he also enlisted for service, serving until 1867. In the latter year in company with his brother-in-law, William Sauer, who was also his cousin, and his four sisters, he set sail for America. They went direct to Buffalo, Scott county, Iowa, and there our subject began work at farm labor, being employed by the month for one year. He then operated land on share for one year and for four years cultivated rented land. In 1875 he took up his abode in Muscatine county and with the capital he had saved in the years he had been located in Scott county, he purchased fifty acres of land which constitutes a portion of his present farm. He later invested in forty-five acres more and still later purchased another tract of eighty acres, so that his possessions now embrace one hundred and seventy-five acres, located on section 14, Sweetland township. He has made many improvements on the place, devoting his land to general farming and to the raising of cattle and hogs. He and his sons are now carrying on farming and stock-raising on an extensive scale, although Mr. Sauer merely gives supervision to the work, the sons and their assistants doing the actual labor. The sons now own four hundred and sixty-five acres of land and they also operate a tract of four hundred acres which they rent, so that the Sauer family is numbered among the most prominent in agricultural circles in this section of Iowa. In addition to raising various grains, they raise stock on quite an extensive scale, having at the present time three hundred head of hogs and two hundred and fifty head of cattle in their pastures, while in the work of the farm they use thirty head of work horses.

It was on the 3d of November, 1870, that the marriage of Mr. Sauer and Miss Minnie Soehren was celebrated in Buffalo, Scott county. She was born in Germany, March 1, 1850, and was but four years of age at the time of the emigration of her parents, Henry and Margaret (Braun) Soehren, to the United States. They were natives of Holstein and both passed away in Buffalo, this state. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sauer have been born the following children: Anna Elizabeth, the wife of Martin Goddard, who resides on a farm two and a half miles north of Muscatine; William Henry, at home; Bertha May, who died when but eight months old; John, who died when a year old; Minnie Christine, the wife of Max Kretschmer of Sweetland township; George Louis; Edward D.; Frank O., and Albert Carl, who are at home and who are associated with their father in business; and Mabel Margaret and Myrtle Grace, twins, both at home.

Mr. Sauer is a stanch republican in his political views and affiliations. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church but is now identified with the Methodist denomination. Though born across the water he is thoroughly in-

terested in America and her institutions, enjoying to the full extent the freedom and opportunity for advancement which this country affords. He has every reason to be proud of what he has accomplished in the new world, for he started out in a strange land in the humble capacity of a farm hand and today he stands prominently among the leading agriculturists of Muscatine county.

SAMUEL M. HUGHES.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man in Muscatine who occupies a more enviable position in financial circles than Samuel M. Hughes, whose success has been achieved by an honorable, straightforward business policy. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, July 31, 1851, his parents being Thomas R. and Sarah E. (Lowry) Hughes, natives of Dublin, Ireland, and Louisville, Kentucky, respectively. The father of Mrs. Hughes was a native of Ohio and was engaged in steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, running from Cincinnati to New Orleans, but was stricken with cholera soon after launching a new boat to make her first trip. He passed away when a comparatively young man. Unto him and his wife were born three children: Sarah E., William E. and Samuel H. After the death of her first husband Mrs. Lowry married again, becoming the wife of Dr. Samuel Merry, who was a practicing physician of St. Louis and was also receiver in the public land office there in an early day.

Thomas R. Hughes, the father of Samuel M. Hughes, of this review, spent the period of his minority on the Emerald isle but when a young man crossed the Atlantic to the new world and established his home in St. Louis, where he met and married Miss Sarah E. Lowry. They began their domestic life in that city, where they remained until 1858, when they came to Muscatine county, Mr. Hughes establishing and successfully conducting a general store at Fairport for two or three years. He died in 1860, when about forty-six years of age, and is still survived by his widow, who is now in her eighty-sixth year. His religious faith was that of the Catholic church and Mrs. Hughes is also a believer in that religion which has its seat in the vatican at Rome. They were the parents of four children, of whom two are now living, William H. and Samuel M.

The latter spent the first seven years of his life in St. Louis and then accompanied his parents to Muscatine county, while in 1862 he became a resident of the city of Muscatine, where he has since made his home. He pursued his education in the Greenwood Academy and in the College of the Christian Brothers at St. Louis, attending the latter institution from 1864 until 1866. He then matriculated in the State University at Iowa City, Iowa, and was graduated from the academic and law departments with the class of 1874. The same year he was admitted to the bar and for about nine years engaged in the practice of law. He was then appointed clerk of the district court, which position he filled from January, 1883, until May, 1884, when he resigned to become cashier of the Muscatine Savings Bank. Ten years later or in 1894 he was chosen cashier of the

First National Bank and has since contributed in large measure to the success and growth of this institution.

On the 25th of October, 1888, Mr. Hughes was married to Miss Clara A. Brown, a native of this city and a daughter of Thomas and Mary J. Brown, who were natives of Ohio. They came to Muscatine about 1862 and still reside here. Mr. and Mrs. Hughes occupy an attractive home at No. 806 West Third street, which he built in 1888. It has been blessed with the presence of four children: Edward T., Robert W., Louis S. and Florence M. Mrs. Hughes is a member of the Episcopal church and takes deep interest in its work and is well known also in the social circles of the city.

In politics Mr. Hughes is independent, preferring to cast his ballot for men and measures rather than for party. He has lived continuously in this county for fifty-two years and there is no resident of Muscatine more loyal to its interests or more devoted to its welfare. His business record is one which any man might be proud to possess. Starting at the bottom round of the ladder, he has advanced steadily step by step until he is now occupying a position of prominence and trust. Through his entire business career he has been looked upon as a model of integrity and honor, never making an engagement that he has not filled nor incurring obligations that he has not met. He stands today an example of what determination and force, combined with the highest degree of business integrity, can accomplish for a man of natural ability and strength of character.

WILLIAM GEORGE GRIFFITH.

William G. Griffith, for fifteen years past in business at Wilton Junction, was born at Muscatine, Iowa, September 11, 1864. His father, Peter Francis Griffith, who was a native of England, came to the United States about 1848 and stayed for a time in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he lost a brother from cholera when that dread disease visited this country many years ago. Traveling westward, Mr. Griffith made his home in St. Louis for a time and then came to Burlington, Iowa, locating in Muscatine about 1860. In 1879 he began in the sash and paint business with Moses Couch. Later he engaged in business in Kansas City but returned to Muscatine and made a trip to England before his death, which occurred in Muscatine about 1894. The mother of our subject was born presumably in Pennsylvania. She was married at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was called away some years before the death of her husband. Six members of the family are now living: Mary, the wife of George Hawley, of Muscatine; Harry, also of Muscatine; Etta; Bertha; William George, our subject; and Richard, of Cincinnati.

William G. Griffith was educated in the public schools of Muscatine and spent some time with his father in Kansas City. In 1883 he took up his residence in Cincinnati, where he remained for one year. The next thirteen years he spent principally in traveling and during that time became thoroughly acquainted with the business of undertaking and embalming. In 1894 he returned

to Muscatine and spent one year in the restaurant business with Frank Jones, then locating permanently at Wilton Junction, where he is identified with the furniture, hardware, undertaking and embalming business under the firm name of Whitmer & Griffith. The firm owns the building which it occupies and by close attention to the wants of the community and keeping thoroughly informed as to the latest and best goods offered in the lines it carries, has built up a lucrative patronage, the establishment being known as the largest of its kind in that part of the county. Mr. Griffith is the owner of a fine home in the town and his wife holds the title to valuable real estate in the township.

In 1893 Mr. Griffith was happily united in marriage to Miss Ollie Maud Johnston, a native of Cedar county, Iowa. They have one child, Harry Johnston, now sixteen years of age, who is attending high school, being in his sophomore year.

Politically Mr. Griffith is connected with the republican party and has served with general acceptance in the town council. Fraternally he holds membership in Wilton Lodge, Knights of Pythias. He has served as president of the Wilton Fair Association and at the present time is interested financially in the Slick Telephone Company. Mr. Griffith believes in enjoying life as he goes along and one of his diversions is to ride through the country behind the beautiful trotting horse of which he is the owner. This horse is recognized as one of the handsomest in the locality and is an intelligent animal of which any man might justly be proud.

WILLIAM E. LOEB.

William E. Loeb, mayor of Nichols, Muscatine county, and one of its energetic and prosperous business men, was born in Bloomington township, this county, July 16, 1873. He is a son of William and Elizabeth A. (Bauer) Loeb, both of whom were natives of Germany, the father being born in Baden. The mother came to America about 1867 and the father two years later. They were married in Muscatine county, July 18, 1872, and lived upon a farm in the county for sixteen years, renting the land. The family then removed to Muscatine, where Mr. Loeb became connected with a lumber yard. He departed this life September 20, 1901. He was an industrious man of worthy ambitions, being a consistent member of the German Evangelical church. The mother of our subject who has arrived at the age of sixty years, is making her home with him. There were seven children in the family: William E.; Herman, who was born August 6, 1875, and is now deceased; John, who was born in 1877 and is also deceased; Anna, the wife of Albert Burnet, a farmer, who lives near West Liberty, Iowa; Martha, now Mrs. Andrew Diercks of Muscatine; Mary, who died in infancy; and Lena, of Muscatine.

William E. Loeb received his early education in the district schools and remained at home, assisting in the support of the family until he was twenty-one years of age. He then began working in a harness shop and after two years' experience in that line engaged in other occupations, resolving in the meantime

to prosecute his education further. Accordingly he became a student in the German College at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, from which he was graduated in 1902. After leaving college, Mr. Loeb entered the ministry and engaged in preaching until 1903. Being attracted to business pursuits, he began in 1904 to buy grain at Nichols for W. C. Adelman, and in 1906 engaged in the same business for the Jackson Grain Company, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was also placed in charge of a lumber yard for W. C. Adelman and still continues in that position. In addition to the business above named, he engages in farming upon a moderate scale. The estimation in which he is held by the people of Nichols is indicated by the fact that since 1910 he has acted as mayor of the town, filling the position in such a way as to meet the general approval of the citizens.

Mr. Loeb is a member of the Methodist church, as is also his mother. Fraternally he is identified with Stainless Lodge, No. 445, A. F. & A. M., and Lodge No. 4195, M. W. A. of Nichols. He is a man of varied talents, having excellent ability both as a public speaker and in business affairs. His success has been due not only to native ability but to a good education and a reputation for integrity, the latter of which is more to be prized than a great fortune acquired by doubtful means. Mr. Loeb is now in the midst of a career that promises to increase in usefulness and honor as the years pass and, being actuated by high principles, his life cannot fail to be of marked benefit to the community.

MARTIN F. EATON.

Martin F. Eaton, whose services as a painter and decorator are in great demand, has made his home in Muscatine and vicinity for a period of forty-eight years and enjoys a wide and favorable acquaintance here. His place of business is at No. 114 Chestnut street. His birth occurred in Fulton township, Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 27th of March, 1862, his parents being James A. and Mary E. (Davis) Eaton, both of whom are natives of Indiana. The father followed farming in early manhood and took up his abode among the early settlers of this county, purchasing and locating upon a tract of eighty acres in Fulton township, where all except one of his children were born and reared. Being elected sheriff, he served in that capacity for two terms and then became the proprietor of a knitting factory on Second street. Subsequently he purchased an interest in the ferry boat and ran it successfully for many years or until the new high bridge was built. He then went to Keokuk and began the operation of a farm near that city but later disposed of the property and bought a farm on the island at Muscatine, where he owned one hundred and thirty-four acres of land. In the summer of 1910 he sold the place and has since lived in honorable retirement. He is widely recognized as a prominent and respected citizen of the community and for four or five years served as city marshal. Both he and his wife are devoted and consistent members of the Baptist church, exemplifying its teachings in their daily lives.

They are the parents of seven children, three sons and four daughters, as follows: Demetrus T., of Muscatine; Calvin, who is a resident of Wichita, Kan-

sas; Aren Tesa, the wife of Art S. Lawrence, of Muscatine; Martin F., of this review; Laura, who is the wife of C. B. Bird and resides in Wausau, Wisconsin; Rita, who gave her hand in marriage to Carl Tyrrell and lives in St. Paul, Minnesota; and Myrtle, the wife of Charles Bruin, of Kansas City, Missouri.

Martin F. Eaton was reared in the city of Muscatine and vicinity and attended the public schools in the acquirement of an education. He was a lad of nine when the family home was established in Muscatine and when about sixteen years of age began clerking in the furniture and undertaking establishment of Charles McCampbell, in whose employ he remained for three years. Subsequently he spent six years as a printer in the offices of the Muscatine Tribune and Journal and later was with the Ottumwa Democrat for three years. On the expiration of that period he embarked in business as a painter and decorator and his labors in this connection are bringing him a gratifying financial return. He does both house and sign painting and employs a number of able workmen.

On the 13th of August, 1890, Mr. Eaton was united in marriage to Miss Dora Lippelgoes, a native of Germany and a daughter of Theodore and Wilhelmina Lippelgoes, who were early settlers of Muscatine, Iowa. Unto our subject and his wife has been born a son, Horace.

Mr. Eaton is a republican in politics, supporting the men and measures of that party by his ballot. He is a member of Muscatine Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F., Prairie Encampment, No. 4, I. O. O. F., and Muscatine Camp, No. 106, M. W. A., and has filled all of the chairs in those organizations. For twelve years he served as captain of the team in connection with the Modern Woodmen camp. Shortly after his marriage he built a nice residence at No. 510 Woodlawn avenue which has since been his home. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor and today he is numbered among the substantial citizens of his native county.

JOHN L. KLEIN, M. D.

From no professional man do we expect or exact so many of the cardinal virtues as from the physician. If the clergyman is austere we imagine that his mind is absorbed with the contemplation of things beyond our ken; if our lawyer is brusque and crabbed, it is the mark of genius; but in the physician we expect not only a superior mentality and comprehensive knowledge but also sympathy as wide as the universe. Dr. John L. Klein in large measure meets all of these requirements and is regarded by many as an ideal physician. Certainly if patronage is any criterion of ability he ranks high among the leading physicians and surgeons of Muscatine and this section of Iowa, in which he is now enjoying a large and lucrative practice.

Dr. Klein was born near Iowa City, Iowa, on the 18th of October, 1873. The name indicates his German ancestry. His grandfather, Peter Klein, was born in Germany and there learned the harness and saddle making trades. After coming to America he established his home in Johnson county, Iowa, where he lived retired to the time of his death, which occurred when he was eighty-two

years of age. He was married three times, his first wife being the grandmother of Dr. Klein. His family numbered thirteen or fourteen children, including Anthony, John, Albert, Adam, Christian, Joseph, Peter and Lena.

Of this family Adam Klein, the father of the Doctor, was born in Baden, Germany, and was a laboring man in his native land. He was, however, but eighteen years of age when he crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling first in Philadelphia, while subsequently he became one of the pioneer residents of Johnson county, Iowa, where he engaged in farming. He died there on the 4th of October, 1875, at the age of fifty-eight years. He was a consistent member of the Catholic church, to which his widow also belongs. In early manhood he wedded Frances Walter, who was born in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany. Her father, who was the village blacksmith in his home town in Germany, also followed the occupation of farming and was the owner of considerable property there. He died in Germany at the age of fifty years. His family numbered one son and three daughters: Peter, Lena, Salome and Frances. The last named became the wife of Adam Klein and by her marriage had eight children, four sons and four daughters: Catharine, who is deceased; Helen, Mary and Albert, all of whom are residents of Iowa City; John L., of this review; Adam R., a practicing physician of El Paso, Texas; and two who died in early life.

Dr. Klein spent his youthful days upon the home farm in Johnson county, Iowa, to the age of sixteen or seventeen years and during that period acquired a good education in the district schools, which he supplemented by study in the Iowa City Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1893. Having determined upon a professional career and believing that he would find the practice of medicine congenial, he next entered the medical department of the State University at Iowa City and was graduated in 1897. He began practice in Muscatine, where for thirteen years he has devoted his time and attention to his professional duties. He was associated with Dr. Weaver in establishing the Bellevue Hospital of Muscatine, of which they are still the owners. This meets a need in professional service in the city and has been accorded a liberal patronage. It is splendidly equipped for the care of the sick and for surgical work, the most modern methods of treatment being employed. In commercial lines Dr. Klein has also some interests, being a stockholder and one of the directors of the Muscatine Produce & Pure Ice Company.

On the 1st of October, 1907, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Klein and Miss Florence C. Schmidt, a native of this city and a daughter of Gustave and Agnes (Achter) Schmidt, the former a native of Germany and the latter of Muscatine. The father was a merchant for a number of years and afterward became a banker and also the president of the produce company. The extent and importance of his business affairs made him a prominent factor in the commercial circles of this city and his personal worth gained for him the high regard of all with whom he came in contact. His parents also became residents of Muscatine, where both died when more than eighty years of age. Gustave Schmidt continued to make Muscatine his home until called to his final rest on the 16th of March, 1910. His widow is still a resident of this city. They were the parents of three daughters but two of the number are deceased, Mrs. Klein

being the only one now living. By her marriage she became the mother of one child, Dorothy Marie.

Dr. and Mrs. Klein reside at No. 213 West Third street, where they own a good home. They are members of the Catholic church and Dr. Klein also belongs to the Knights of Columbus, the Red Men, the Modern Woodmen of America, the Workmen and the Elks. His political allegiance is given to the democracy but while he takes an active interest in public affairs and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, he does not seek or desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties. With a nature that could never content itself with mediocrity, he has so qualified that he has steadily advanced to a prominent position among the capable members of the profession in eastern Iowa and the public and the medical fraternity acknowledge his worth and merit.

RICHARD IRWIN VANCE.

High respect and good-will were ever tendered Richard Irwin Vance, for he was a man of upright life and high principles and wherever he went won the confidence of those with whom he came in contact. He was born at Newville, Pennsylvania, on the 8th of April, 1817, a son of John and Jane (Irwin) Vance, both of whom were natives of Ireland, where they were reared and married. In 1808 they bade adieu to the Emerald isle and sailed for the new world, landing at New York. After a year there passed they removed to Pennsylvania, where their remaining days were spent. The father was a stone-mason by trade, following that pursuit for many years in Newville. In his family were five children: Richard, who died in infancy; John, who died at the age of eight years; Isabelle, who died when twenty-two years of age; Richard Irwin; and John Jackson.

Richard I. Vance was the last surviving member of this family. He remained a resident of his native town until 1845 and during that period acquired his education in the public schools and served an apprenticeship to the cabinet-maker's trade, beginning his term of indenture when fourteen years of age. When his apprenticeship was completed he went to Pittsburg, but the failing health of his parents caused his return to his native town and he continued there, as previously stated, until 1845. In that year he sought a home in the middle west and came to Muscatine, then called Bloomington, in company with his younger brother, John, traveling by boat all the way. Both worked at the cabinet-maker's trade until 1855, when they located upon the prairie on adjoining farms. In Muscatine they erected a good building, in which they conducted their cabinet-making business, which they carried on for a number of years after buying their land. The farm, however, remained the place of residence of Richard I. Vance until his death and as the years passed by he prospered in its development and cultivation. He purchased unbroken prairie land of a Mr. Evans, who had entered it from the government, and since it came into possession of Mr. Vance in 1855 it has been owned and occupied by members of the

family. He placed the fields under a high state of cultivation and added to the property until he owned over two hundred acres on section 34, Sweetland township. He added many improvements to the place, including good buildings, and at all times he followed progressive methods in the care and cultivation of his farm.

In Muscatine on the 19th of March, 1852, Mr. Vance was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Hershey, who was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, February 22, 1829, and in 1850 came to Muscatine county with her parents, Jacob and Elizabeth (Klepper) Hershey, both of whom were natives of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but spent their last days in Muscatine. They had a family of seven children, as follows: Catharine, who became the wife of Samuel Frantz but is now deceased; Mary M., who became Mrs. Vance; Abraham B., a physician who has also passed away; Elizabeth, the deceased wife of Dr. Christian Hershey; Benjamin Franklin, living in South Pasadena, California; Emanuel W., a resident of Fairplay, Colorado; and Emeline, the deceased wife of Lyman Banks.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Vance was blessed with seven children, all of whom are yet living, namely: Charles, a resident of Wymore, Nebraska; Elizabeth, at home; John J., who is living in Alliance, Nebraska; Margaret, at home; Edward, of Harvey, Illinois; Katherine, at home; and Marian, the wife of J. D. Barnes, of Morgan Park, Illinois.

The father passed away April 15, 1904, and the mother on the 4th of May, 1907. Both were people of the highest personal worth and were devoted members of the Presbyterian church, in the work of which they took an active part for many years. Mr. Vance was closely identified with the early history of Muscatine and this county and always rejoiced in its advancement and progress. He was interested in its welfare to the day of his death, which occurred when he was eighty-seven years of age. His sterling traits of character, his fidelity to duty, his strict honesty and his kindly spirit were qualities which endeared him to all who knew him and won him the respect of many friends.

FRANK JACKSON.

Frank Jackson, now retired, who is recognized as one of the responsible citizens of Muscatine, was born in this city, January 18, 1855, of Scotch descent. He is a son of Alexander and Lucy Ann (Daily) Jackson, the former of whom was born in Scotland, May 9, 1818, and the latter in Chillicothe, Ohio. At seventeen years of age Alexander Jackson left his native country to seek his fortune. He came to Albany, New York, where he learned the harnessmaker's trade, working later in New York city, Cincinnati, St. Louis, and Galena, Illinois. He first came to Iowa in 1839 but did not remain at that time. In 1843 he settled permanently at Muscatine and began working at his trade, conducting a harness shop for fifteen years. He then became connected with the Muscatine Gas Company as secretary and treasurer and was for many years active in its management. He was one of the original directors of the old Muscatine Na-

tional Bank and was president of the water works until the disposal of the same to the city. He was an earnest friend of education and held various school and town offices, being regarded as one of the most trustworthy and public-spirited citizens of Muscatine. He and his wife were active workers in many ways in behalf of the community and were valued members of the Congregational church. Mr. Jackson was called from earthly scenes in 1903, at the age of eighty-five years. His wife died in 1896, being then seventy-five years of age. They were the parents of five children, three of whom are now living: Mary, the wife of S. B. Cook; Lucy, now Mrs. Ogilvie; and Frank, our subject.

Educated in the public schools, Frank Jackson grew to manhood under the kindly influences of a happy home and began his business career as errand boy in the old Muscatine National Bank. In his early manhood he went to Chicago, where he was employed as clerk for five years in the wholesale hardware establishment of Seeberger & Breakey. After resigning from this position he was connected for one year with the retail hardware business at Danville, Illinois. Returning to Muscatine in 1878, he was employed for two years in a retail grocery store and then spent one year rafting logs on the Mississippi river. About 1885 he entered the wholesale grocery business in this city, to which he devoted his attention for twenty years and gained a wide reputation as one of the substantial business men of the city. He has been living retired for the past five years.

On the 10th of August, 1887, Mr. Jackson was united in marriage to Mrs. Clara C. (Burneby) Wheeler, a daughter of Edward and Lydia (Sunbury) Burneby, both of whom were natives of Canada. Mrs. Jackson first married Arthur Wheeler and lived in Lowell, Massachusetts, where he died, and she subsequently came to Iowa, where her parents were then living, here becoming acquainted with Mr. Jackson. Mr. Jackson is not connected with any religious organization nor has he ever been an active worker in politics, preferring rather to devote his energies to his private interests. Being gifted with good business capacity and executive force, he early won recognition and for many years was one of the capable and energetic men of the community. He is now enjoying at ease the results of his diligence and application.

GEORGE J. LANG.

On a well cultivated farm in Wilton township lives George J. Lang, a native of Muscatine county, where he has spent his entire life, contributing according to his ability toward the great advancement that has been made in this part of the state. He was born on his father's farm in Wilton township, January 11, 1853, being a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Bareiter) Lang. The father was born in Germany and engaged in farming in his native country until 1848, when he came to the United States, locating in Wilton township, Muscatine county, Iowa. Until his death, which occurred January 22, 1872, he lived upon the farm where he first took up his home. He was a man of great energy and perseverance and also of unusual business ability, as is indicated by the fact that

he acquired five hundred and sixty acres of land entirely through his own effort. The mother of our subject was born and reared in Germany, all of her children being natives of that country except the subject of this review. She passed away in 1894. Of her family of nine children six are now living: Eva, the widow of Michael Fish, of Keswick, Iowa; Nicholas and Henry, farmers of Muscatine county; George J., our subject; J. C., of California; and Christa, the wife of George Dimmitt, of Colby, Kansas.

George J. Lang was reared on the parental homestead and was a pupil of the district school in his boyhood. He assisted on the home farm and took charge of the place after the death of his parents, being now the owner of one hundred and thirty acres, upon which he has made many improvements so that his farm is today one of the pleasing features of the landscape. Through thorough tilling of the soil and careful rotation of crops he gathers good harvests, feeding the grain to his stock in preference to selling it outright. He possesses the qualities essential to success and has applied himself to general farming, specializing in the raising of live stock and preparing the same for the market so as to receive the best prices.

In 1876 Mr. Lang was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Malone, of Moscow township, and four children blessed the union: Christa, now the wife of Ed Herr, of Wilton township; Rena, at home; Lola, the wife of L. R. Dunker, of Wilton township; and John, also at home. The wife and mother passed away September 25, 1885.

Mr. Lang takes great interest in the welfare of the community and is an active member of the Evangelical church, having served for several years as superintendent of the Sunday school. Politically he is identified with the republican party and for four years was a member of the board of county supervisors. He has also served with general acceptance as trustee and justice of the peace. In all his work, whether in his personal behalf or as public officer, he has shown good judgment and thus won a place as one of the substantial and trustworthy citizens of Muscatine county.

WILLIAM McQUESTEN.

William McQuesten, president of the McQuesten & Sawyer Company of Muscatine and one of the prominent business men of the city, was born here, January 11, 1869. He is a son of William Wirt and Elizabeth Frances (Webb) McQuesten, natives of Washington, New Hampshire, and Brooklyn, New York, respectively. The father went to Canada after arriving at manhood and engaged in the foundry business there but later came west and was one of the early settlers of Muscatine. He was connected with the hardware business in this city for some forty years and sold the first hard coal burner that was disposed of in Muscatine. He also handled the first carload of hard coal that arrived in this community and was a pioneer in his business. He departed this life at seventy-two years of age in 1905, but his wife is still living in Muscatine. Five children were born to them: Ella, the wife of E. J. Richie, of Little Falls, Minnesota;

William, our subject; Sarah W.; Frederick, who died at the age of thirteen; and Harriet S.

William McQuesten was educated in the public schools of this city, graduating from the high school in 1888. He began his business career in his father's store by learning the tinner's trade and later became head clerk downstairs, his father and S. P. Sawyer being partners in the establishment. In 1894 Samuel F. Sawyer, a son of the senior member of the firm, and the subject of this review decided to go into the hardware business at Springfield, Missouri, but were persuaded by their parents not to do so. The older men withdrew from the firm and the younger ones continued in the business together until the death of Samuel F. Sawyer. The firm is now incorporated under the same title that prevailed originally, with Mr. McQuesten at its head. It is recognized as one of the leading hardware establishments in this part of the country and attracts a large patronage from many points outside of Muscatine.

On the 28th of September, 1898, Mr. McQuesten was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Kulp, a daughter of Dr. J. S. Kulp, of Muscatine. Her parents were born in Pennsylvania and settled in Muscatine, where Dr. Kulp became a leading dentist. One son, Joseph, has been born of the union of Mr. and Mrs. McQuesten.

Mr. McQuesten and his wife are both members of the Congregational church, to which they are liberal contributors. Politically he is identified with the republican party, believing that its candidates and principles are those best adapted to advance the prosperity of the country. In the midst of an active and successful career Mr. McQuesten has gained an enviable reputation as a man of sound business judgment and one whose word is as good as his security. He is always ready to extend any assistance possible to deserving aspirants for places of responsibility and is known as an intelligent and progressive gentleman, who could have succeeded in anything he undertook, for he never has known the meaning of the word fear, and he never bowed to any obstacle that threatened to interfere permanently with his progress. Such men are the natural leaders in any community, having earned the title by their innate ability.

GOTTLIEB EHRECKE.

Gottlieb Ehrecke, who was called to his final rest on the 16th of January, 1898, was for many years numbered among the substantial and representative farmers and stockmen of Muscatine county and at the time of his death owned three hundred and eighty-three acres of land in Fulton township. His birth occurred in Germany in 1815 and in that country the first thirty-seven years of his life were spent. In 1852 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States, first locating in Davenport, Iowa, while a short time afterward he came to Muscatine county. Here he secured employment by the day, working for a few years at a wage of fifty cents per day. In 1856 he purchased forty acres of land, grubbed out the timber and improved the tract on a small scale, making his home thereon until 1872. In that year he extended the boundaries of his farm to include two



MR. AND MRS. GOTTLIEB EHRECKE AND SON EMIL

hundred and twenty-three acres and removed to that part of the place on which the buildings are now situated. At the time of his demise he owned three hundred and eighty-three acres of well improved and valuable land in Fulton township, his property being the visible evidence of his life of well directed industry, thrift and enterprise. In connection with the tilling of the soil he made a specialty of handling stock, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income.

Mr. Ehrecke was married twice. By his first wife, a Miss Koeppe, whom he wedded in Germany, he had seven children, three of whom died in the fatherland. The others came to America and are all now living in Iowa. They are as follows: Mary, who was born on the 7th of January, 1843; Bertha, whose birth occurred August 6, 1844; Augusta, whose natal day was October 18, 1845; and Emma, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 15th of October, 1850. The wife and mother passed away in 1850 and soon afterward Mr. Ehrecke wedded Miss Johanna Schmelzer, the ceremony taking place just prior to their emigration to the new world. Miss Schmelzer was a native of Germany, born on the 20th of June, 1829, and by her marriage she became the mother of eight children. Herman, whose birth occurred on the 26th of November, 1852, still resides on the old homestead farm, of which he owns a third interest and also forty-five acres more. He likewise owns a third interest in a Minnesota farm and is a stockholder in the Blue Grass Savings Bank and the American Security Company of Davenport, Iowa. In public office he has also made a creditable record, having served as road supervisor for eight years and as a member of the school board for four years. Charlotte, who was born on the 30th of May, 1854, died on the 11th of November, 1909. She was the wife of John Laschanky, of Clinton county, Iowa, and left seven children to mourn her loss. A sketch of Rudolph Ehrecke appears on another page of this volume. Ida, whose natal day was September 23, 1858, is the wife of Henry Plett, of Scott county, and the mother of five children. Charles, who was born on the 17th of January, 1861, attended the common schools and also pursued a commercial course in Wilton Academy, being a graduate of that institution. He resides on the old home place, owning a third interest in the property, and also has a third interest in two hundred acres of land in Minnesota. He is a fancier of Norman and Percheron horses, shorthorn cattle and Poland China hogs. The Blue Grass Savings Bank numbers him among its charter members and stockholders and he has served as a director of that institution since its establishment. He is likewise a stockholder in the Guaranty Mutual Life Insurance Company, the American Security Company and the Great Western Remedy Company, all of Davenport, Iowa. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and for fourteen years he ably served in the capacity of township assessor. Amelia, the sixth child of Mr. and Mrs. Ehrecke, was born on the 18th of June, 1863, and gave her hand in marriage to Henry Ahrens, of Cedar county, Iowa, by whom she has five children. Mr. and Mrs. Ahrens own a farm of one hundred and eighty acres. Emil, whose birth occurred in April, 1868, passed away on the 12th of November, 1906, leaving a widow and two children to mourn his loss. His widow still resides on the old homestead with her brothers-in-law. Lena Ehrecke, who was born in 1865, died in March, 1866.

Gottlieb Ehrecke, of this review, died on the 16th of January, 1898, while his wife was called to her final rest on the 7th of December, 1900, both passing away in the faith of the Lutheran church. Their remains were interred in the Blue Grass cemetery of Scott county. The hope that led Mr. Ehrecke to leave his native land and seek a home in America was more than realized, for here he found the opportunities he sought and in their utilization won a place among the respected and prosperous citizens of his community.

STEPHEN P. SAWYER.

Among the elder business men of Muscatine who are honored by the community for what they have accomplished may be named Stephen P. Sawyer, now retired. He was born in West Amesbury, Massachusetts, January 13, 1832, and is a son of Stephen and Sallie B. (McQuesten) Sawyer. The father was a native of Massachusetts and the mother of New Hampshire. Stephen Sawyer, Sr., was a farmer and lived near West Amesbury but died at Concord, New Hampshire. His wife departed this life in 1858. They were the parents of four children: Luther D.; Mary E., who married Horatio Laws; Samuel F.; and Stephen P. The maternal grandfather was David McQuesten, who was born September 27, 1758, and was called away July 29, 1828. He married Margaret Fisher, of Londonderry, New Hampshire, who was born in 1760 and departed this life in 1833. Eight children were in their family: William, Samuel, Sallie B., David, Margaret N., Eliza, Calvin and Mary P. Margaret N. McQuesten was never married. She lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years and four months and died in the room where she was born.

The McQuesten family in this country dates back to William McQuesten, the immigrant ancestor, who came to America about 1735 and settled at Litchfield, New Hampshire. The ancestry originated in Argyllshire, Scotland, and removed to Coleraine in the north of Ireland near the close of the sixteenth century. Deacon Samuel McQuesten, one of the noted American members of the family, was a son of David and Margaret (Fisher) McQuesten and was born in Litchfield, New Hampshire, in 1789. He removed with his parents in 1795 to Bedford, now Manchester, where members of the family have ever since resided. The house in which the family lived until the autumn of 1895 was one of the historic buildings of the state and was erected in 1760, before the Revolutionary war. Deacon McQuesten was an uncle of William Wirt McQuesten, a cousin of our subject and a partner with him in the hardware business in Muscatine for a number of years.

Stephen P. Sawyer made his home in Massachusetts and New Hampshire until 1849 and was educated in the public schools of those states. At the age of seventeen he went to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, where he continued for twenty-three years engaging in the manufacture of agricultural implements. He came to Muscatine, Iowa, in 1871, and has ever since resided in this city with the exception of two years, which he spent in California. Here he was for eighteen

years junior member of the firm of McQuesten & Sawyer, the partners retiring in 1894 in the interests of their sons, who then took charge. The business which they developed grew to large proportions and the name of McQuesten & Sawyer became familiar over a wide region in the valley of the Mississippi.

On the 21st of June, 1853, Mr. Sawyer was united in marriage to Miss Frances P. Gillitt, a daughter of David Paul and Lucinda (Hall) Gillitt. She was a native of Newport, New Hampshire, born September 1, 1832. She was called from earthly scenes March 18, 1897, after a long life of usefulness and unselfishness. Seven children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer: Ida M., who married Colonel Fred Welker of Muscatine; Frank P., who married Joanna Wells and has three children, Henry P., Aura M. and Maude W.; Aura A., at home; Clara S., who married Dr. S. G. Stein, of Muscatine, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Samuel F., who married Nellie Stephens, at Springfield, Missouri, and died April 13, 1901, after some years devoted to the hardware business in Muscatine; Jennie H., who married Lyle C. Day, October 18, 1905, and is the mother of one child, Donald Sawyer; and Armina Rosaline, who died at three years of age, December 19, 1861.

Mr. Sawyer holds membership in the Presbyterian church, as did also his wife. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party. He is known as a good business man and a patriotic citizen, who has always assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing the public interests. Through years of earnest endeavor he won success and easily ranks as one of the substantial men of Muscatine, belonging to that class which leaves a permanent impress for all that is most desirable in American life.

EDWARD JOHN ZEIDLER.

Edward John Zeidler, a well known representative of commercial interests in Muscatine, is proprietor of the leading dry-goods establishments of the city, wherein is displayed a large line of everything to be found in a well equipped store of this character. Progressive methods characterize him in all that he undertakes and he has ever regarded obstacles and difficulties in his path rather as an impetus for renewed effort. Laudable ambition, too, has prompted him to put forth unfaltering energy and he is today numbered among those who are contributing to the commercial stability of the city as well as to individual success.

He was born in Muscatine, March 19, 1864, a son of William and Christina (Zoble) Zeidler, both of whom are natives of Luebeck, Prussia. The former was a son of Gottlob Zeidler, who came to America in 1853 with his family and settled in Muscatine about 1855. He was a cabinet-maker by trade, following that pursuit in his native land, but took up carpentering after coming to the new world. Both he and his wife died in Burlington, Iowa, at an advanced age, after living for a number of years in that city, the death of Mr. Zeidler occurring when he had reached the age of eighty-two years, and Mrs. Zeidler at the age of sixty-nine. They had four children, William, Henrietta, Hannah and Edward.

The maternal grandparents were also natives of Germany and the grandfather there engaged in business as a cattle-dealer. Both he and his wife died in Germany, he being eighty-two years of age and his wife seventy-six. They had twelve children, including: Carl, Henry, Julia, August, William, Louise, Christina, Hannah, Julia and Hannah, deceased.

William Zeidler learned and followed cabinet-making when in Germany but as a young man came to the new world, for favorable reports had reached him concerning its excellent business opportunities and other advantages. He settled first in New Orleans in 1853 and about 1855 came to Iowa, taking up his abode in Muscatine, where he has since engaged in carpentering and building, being closely identified with building operations in this city for more than a half century. He and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Methodist church. Their family numbered four sons and four daughters, namely: Henry W., Charles A.; Edward J.; Clara S., the wife of Paul Steinmetz; Hannah; Arthur B.; and two who died in early childhood.

Edward J. Zeidler has always been a resident of Muscatine so that his life history is well known to many of his fellow townsmen. In his boyhood he attended the public schools and after completing his education began clerking. He also worked in a sawmill during the vacation periods and early learned to correctly value industry and energy. In 1890 he formed a partnership with J. L. McColm and E. Reinemund, under the name of the McColm Dry Goods Company, the partnership being maintained until Mr. Reinemund sold his interest in 1896. Business was successfully conducted under the same name for about twelve years, or until 1908, when Mr. Zeidler sold his interest to Mr. McColm and for a year rested from further labor. He then purchased the store of Tobin & Malone in the spring of 1909 and now has a well equipped dry-goods establishment, his stock occupying two floors, while employment is furnished to a number of salespeople. His business methods never seek nor require disguise. He is straightforward and honorable in all that he does and his success is the logical result of close application and ability.

On the 9th of December, 1897, Mr. Zeidler was married to Miss Emma Mark, a daughter of Barthol and Elizabeth Mark. Mrs. Zeidler was born in Muscatine, where her parents located at an early day on coming to this country from Hessen-Kassel, Germany. The father died here in 1868 and the mother passed away in 1903 at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. They had several children, including Frederick J., John, Frank, Emma and Carl. Mr. and Mrs. Zeidler have become the parents of one son and one daughter, Mark Allison and Eleanor Alice, but the former died at the age of six years.

The parents are devoted members of the Methodist church and Mr. Zeidler is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, holding membership with Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M.; Zarephath Consistory, No. 4, S. P. R. S.; and Kaaba Temple, N. M. S. He is also a member of Wyoming Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and his political faith is indicated by the support which he gives to the men and measures of the republican party. He has never sought to figure in any political connection, yet in matters of citizenship is always progressive, lending his aid and influence to

every movement which he deems of value. He is a representative of our best type of American manhood and chivalry. By diligence and determination and honorable effort he has overthrown the obstacles which ever bar the path to success and has reached the goal of prosperity, while his genuine worth, broad mind and public spirit have made him the director of public thought and action.

AUGUST PAUL.

August Paul is one of the worthy citizens that Germany has furnished to Muscatine county, who during the years of his residence here has invested in farm land from time to time until his possessions now embrace six hundred acres in this county, and he also owns a half section of land in South Dakota. He is a native of Saxony, Germany, his natal day being December 23, 1853. His father, August L. Paul, was born July 27, 1817. In early life he learned the shoemaker's and carpenter's trades, working for seven years with one master at the former trade. He started for America on the 11th of October, 1854, with his daughter Caroline, she being at that time 10 years of age, and the rest of his family set sail for the United States about the 1st of May, 1856, taking ship at Bremen, and after eight weeks spent on the water landing in Muscatine on the 5th of July of that year. The father was married in his native land, January 17, 1841, to Miss Christina Elizabeth Wagner, who was born in 1814. Their union was blessed with four children: Caroline, who became the wife of Christian Blockert, and died in April, 1895; Augusta, the widow of Fred W. Schiele, of Cedar county, Iowa; August, of this review; and one who died in infancy. Both the parents are now deceased, the mother passing away in January, 1892, when seventy-eight years of age, while the father, surviving for several years, departed this life on the 23d of April, 1903, when he had reached the extreme old age of eighty-six years.

August Paul, whose name introduces this review, was not yet three years of age when he was brought by his mother to the new world, and with the exception of one winter spent in Buffalo, this state, he has resided in Muscatine county continuously since. He was reared to the work of the home farm, remaining with his parents until his marriage, during which time he gave his father the benefit of his services. Following that important event in his life he continued with his father in Montpelier township for two years and subsequently spent eight years in Fulton township. It was about that time that the death of his mother occurred, and Mr. Paul then returned to the home farm to care for his father. He has, however, lived on his present farm since March, 1898, having here one hundred acres of well improved land, located on section 36, Sweetland township, while on section 35 of the same township he owns two hundred acres. The old home place comprises three hundred acres, on sections 4 and 5, Montpelier township, so that his possessions in Muscatine county embrace six hundred acres and in addition he owns three hundred and twenty acres in Brown county, South Dakota. One of his sons operates the latter tract, while another son manages the old Paul homestead. Mr. Paul has followed farming through-

out his entire life, and that his labors have brought him substantial results is evidenced in the extensive landholdings which he now has.

On the 16th of March, 1882, Mr. Paul was married to Miss Louisa Drumm, who was born in Illinois on the 7th of June, 1858. Her parents, Adam and Elizabeth (Brown) Drumm, were both natives of Germany, the former born in Byrne and the latter in Hesse, but they were married in this country. For many years they lived in Montpelier township and there the father passed away. The mother still survives at the age of seventy-four years. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Paul has been blessed with twelve children: Fred, who died at the age of twelve years; Clara, who died when six years old; Henry, who operates his father's farm in Montpelier township; Lizzie, the wife of George Grimm, their home being on her father's farm in Sweetland township; Edward, who operates his father's land in South Dakota; and Elmer, Carrie, Iva, Anna, Adam, Minnie and Merrill, all of whom are under the parental roof.

Mr. Paul is a republican in his political belief although at local elections he casts an independent ballot. Aside from filling minor offices on the school board, he has never aspired to public positions. He has ever led a busy, active and useful life and at the same time commands the respect and high regard of all with whom he comes in contact, for his life has ever conformed to the highest principles of manhood.

JOHN SYWASSINK.

That the life history of John Sywassink is a record of success is due to the persistent effort and intelligently directed industry which he has displayed through the many years of his connection with agricultural interests of Muscatine county. Although reared a city boy, he nevertheless sought his fortune amid the scenes and environment of farm life and has never regretted his choice of agriculture as a lifework, for the prosperity which has attended his efforts has been most gratifying and substantial. His entire life has been spent within the borders of Muscatine county, his birth having occurred in the city of Muscatine on the 18th of November, 1860.

His parents, John W. and Jennie Gertrude (Warrenhuise) Sywassink, were natives of Holland, where the former was born on the 5th of November, 1829, and the latter on the 22d of October, that year. There they were reared and in early life sailed for the new world on the same ship, which left Holland on the 5th of September, 1854, and arrived in the United States on the 11th of November, whereupon they made their way direct to Muscatine, Iowa. They had been acquainted in their native country and a year after their arrival here were united in marriage, the ceremony being celebrated on the 16th of November, 1855. They continued to make their home in this city until 1880, and for twenty-seven years Mr. Sywassink was employed as a laborer by the Musser Lumber Company. At the expiration of that period he removed to a farm about five miles west of Muscatine and there was engaged in agricultural pursuits for ten years, after which he retired from active life. He and his wife were both devoted

and faithful Christians, having joined the German Presbyterian church in 1857. They remained members of that denomination until 1890, when it was reorganized and became the Dutch Reformed church, at which time they became identified with the new organization and continued to hold membership therein. They traveled life's journey happily together for many years, living to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary, and were only separated by the death of the wife on the 23d of October, 1908. Mr. Sywassink survives and makes his home in Moscow. Their family consisted of six children, as follows: Jennie, the deceased wife of John Van Gent; John, of this review; Garret William, a resident of Muscatine; Henry, also of this city; George, who passed away in 1902; and Benjamin, of Moscow township.

Spending the period of his boyhood and youth in his native city, John Sywassink enjoyed good educational privileges as a pupil in the grammar schools, which he attended until graduated therefrom in due course of time. He was still but a lad when he accepted his first position as water carrier in Musser Lumber Company's yards and for four years was employed in that capacity, receiving at first for his labors twenty-five cents per day, then fifty cents and later seventy-five cents. He was employed by that company as a general laborer for about eight years and then became identified with the Young America Flour Mills, with which he remained as deliverer for five years. Up to this time he had been imbued with a spirit of ambition and determination, for throughout the intervening years he had been actuated by a desire that some day his efforts should more directly benefit himself. He therefore practiced strict economy and at length was able to invest in real estate in Muscatine. Upon severing his connection with the flour mills he purchased his present farm, trading his town property in as partial payment. This farm, located on section 19, Sweetland township, has remained his home for the past twenty-two years and is one of the valuable properties of the township. It consists of one hundred and eighty acres, all under a high state of cultivation, and as he has prospered in his undertakings he has been able to add to his holdings, being now the owner of another tract of one hundred acres on section 24, this township, which is now being operated by his son-in-law. Energy, industry and perseverance have ever been salient characteristics in his career and have been supplemented by a capacity for hard work and wise management which has insured a most gratifying degree of success in his agricultural enterprise.

It was on the 27th of December, 1883, that Mr. Sywassink was united in marriage to Miss Louise Charlotte Kemper, who was born in Montpelier township, Muscatine county, on the 23d of November, 1859. She is a daughter of Henry and Charlotte (Weinberg) Kemper, who are now deceased and are mentioned elsewhere in this volume in the sketch of their son, John Kemper. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sywassink have been born seven children, as follows: Lottie, the wife of William Tetrake, who is operating his father-in-law's farm in Montpelier township; Gertrude, John, Henry, Charles, Louise and Nettie, all at home.

In politics Mr. Sywassink keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and gives stalwart support to the republican party. He has ever championed the cause of education, having for thirteen years served as school officer of district No. 4. He holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church at

Sweetland, of which he is a trustee, and does all in his power to extend its influence throughout the community. Indeed all matters pertaining to the material, political, intellectual and moral welfare of the county are of deep interest to him and solicit his earnest effort in their behalf. Possessed of those qualities which ever inspire respect and confidence in one's fellowmen, the life record of John Sywassink is in contradistinction to the old adage that "A prophet is never without honor save in his own country," for in Muscatine county, within whose boundaries his entire life has been spent, he has won for himself a circle of warm friends which is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintance.

J. W. WEAVER.

In a beautiful home at Wilton Junction lives J. W. Weaver, retired, having accumulated a competence for himself and family. He was born in Leitersburg, Maryland, January 11, 1841, a son of James and Anna (Swisher) Weaver, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father moved to Maryland from Franklin county, Pennsylvania, in 1832. Nine years later he came west to Ogle county, Illinois, and in 1865 came to Iowa, where he bought land. He then returned to Illinois for his family, and there died. Before coming west he was engaged in business as a druggist and was also in the hotel business. He was of German lineage, his father having been born in Germany. The parents of our subject were married in the Keystone state. The mother died in Ogle county, Illinois, in 1859. There were nine children in the family, four of whom grew to maturity: Christian R., deceased; J. W., our subject; Charles A., also deceased; and Lydia A., the wife of George Kaiser of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The father of these children was twice married, his second wife being a Mrs. Sandford, whose maiden name was Osterhaut. There were no children by this marriage.

J. W. Weaver received his education in the district schools and continued at home until 1865, when he moved with the family to Iowa. After arriving at this state he worked for two years at the carpenter's trade and then farmed on rented property until 1872, when he began purchasing land in Cedar county for himself. As time advanced he prospered until now he is the owner of one hundred and seventy acres, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. He has lived in Wilton Junction since 1906, when he acquired one of the finest residences in the town.

In 1867 Mr. Weaver was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Keiser and eight children were born to them: Carrie A., now the wife of Robert Wilkerson, a contractor and builder of Wilton Junction; Margaret A., on the home farm; Charles Franklin, also on the home farm; Alice M., deceased; Etta S., the wife of William Leach, a farmer of Cedar county; Minnie E., deceased; Emory A., a farmer of Cedar county; and Myrtle V., now teaching school in Cedar county. The mother of these children having been called away, Mr. Weaver was married in July, 1905, to Mrs. Susan Kite, of Cedar county, her maiden name being Susan Keiser. She was born in Page county, Virginia, a daughter of Reuben



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and Margaret Keiser. Her father came to Cedar county in 1849 and lived there until his death, which occurred in 1871. Mrs. Weaver was married in 1861 to Oliver Kite, a farmer, who was born in Page county, Virginia. There were six children in their family: Isabel Margaret, now the wife of George Mosier, of Spokane, Washington; Mary Frances, the wife of Frank T. Smith, who lives near Sioux City, Iowa; William Harvey, deceased; Anna E., now Mrs. Samuel Smith, of O'Brien county, Iowa; Amanda Melissa, the wife of Curtis Shiry, of O'Brien county; and John F., of Sioux City, Iowa.

Politically Mr. Weaver is independent. He has not been a seeker for public office, but he held all the offices in his township except those of clerk and justice of the peace. He has since his youth been a close observer and has traveled extensively in the United States, visiting all the principal points between New York and San Francisco. He is a man of broad views, not only in politics, but also in religion. While a believer in Christianity, he is an advocate of unity in work for all churches, the Golden Rule being his standard of conduct and life.

HENRY UMLANDT.

Henry Umlandt, president and general manager of the Automatic Button Company of Muscatine, Iowa, comes of good German ancestry. He was born in the province of Hanover, in the village of Hamelwordenermoor, Germany, February 4, 1869, and is a son of Matthias and Anna (Oest) Umlandt. The father has always been a laboring man and, desiring to secure better advantages for his children than he himself had enjoyed, he came to America in 1882 and located at Muscatine, where he has since resided. The mother departed this life in 1901, at the age of fifty-three years. Our subject's grandfather, Henry Umlandt, was a farmer of Germany and lived to be seventy years of age. He reared a large family including Matthias, Jacob, Mary, Catharine and Margaretta. The maternal grandfather, Henry Oest, was also a farmer. There were two children in his family, Anna and Peter, and he and his wife died in middle life. Eleven children were born to Matthias and Anna Umlandt, nine of whom grew to maturity: Henry, our subject; Claus, deceased; Peter, of Muscatine; John, a farmer of Muscatine county; William, also of Muscatine; Minnie, the wife of Herman Dietrich, of Muscatine; Mary, now Mrs. Henry Martin, of Muscatine; Elizabeth, the wife of Clarence Beitel, of Grace Hill, Washington county, Iowa; and Anna, the wife of James Boston, of Muscatine.

The subject of this review arrived in America at thirteen years of age and grew to manhood in Muscatine. He received a common-school education in Germany and had the advantage of two months in the public schools of Muscatine. His services were necessary in the support of a large family and he soon laid his books aside and began working for wages in the sawmills of the Hershey and the Musser Lumber Companies. Several years later he became driver of a grocery delivery wagon and later of a beer wagon. He tended bar for four years and for six years ran a retail liquor establishment. In the meantime, however, he had entered the button business and in 1899 became associated with John Weber

in the organization of the Automatic Pearl Works. In the early part of 1903, the business having greatly prospered, the firm was incorporated as the Automatic Button Company. Mr. Weber retired from the firm and the company now has the following officers: Henry Umlandt, president and general manager; Peter Umlandt, vice president; William Umlandt, treasurer; and H. H. Fack, secretary. The company originally manufactured one hundred gross of buttons per day, but it now has a capacity of seven thousand gross per day and employs about five hundred persons. The products of its plants are sold in all parts of the world and its name is known in every civilized country. Mr. Umlandt is prominently connected with a number of mercantile organizations. He was one of the original promoters of the Muscatine Building & Loan Association and is treasurer of the Fairview Land & Improvement Company, the Muscatine Motor Company and of the National Association of Pearl Button Manufacturers. He is president of the Muscatine Produce & Pure Ice Company and in his affairs has shown a clear judgment which places him among the leading business men of the state.

On the 30th of January, 1895, Mr. Umlandt was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Franz, a daughter of William and Wilhelmina Franz, who had five children, Charles, Ernestina, Emma, Elizabeth and Matilda. Three children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Umlandt, Harold William Franz, Carl Henry and Arthur Matthias. Mrs. Umlandt having passed away March 10, 1900, our subject was again married, June 14, 1904, the lady of his choice being Miss Lillian Hagermeister, a daughter of Carl and Lena (Hegeman) Hagermeister. Her father is now living but her mother departed this life in the spring of 1905. They were the parents of four children, Dora, Lillian, Carl and one who died in infancy.

Mr. Umlandt is a public-spirited man and an earnest advocate of public improvements. He is recognized as a citizen who is always willing to perform his part in advancing the welfare of the community. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party, although he has strong independent proclivities, which he generally exercises at times of election. He is a staunch advocate of the public-school system and is now serving most acceptably as member of the school board of Muscatine. A man of liberal spirit, he is a generous contributor toward all worthy objects, and his influence may be depended upon in the advancement of every laudable cause.

PROFESSOR RUTHVEN WILSON LEVERICH.

Professor Ruthven W. Leverich, who has devoted his life to educational work and is now conducting a normal and training school in Muscatine where young men and young women are fitted for teaching, was born in Muscatine county about two miles west of Wilton, on the old Muscatine and Tipton road, May 1, 1838. His birthplace was a log cabin in which his parents, Ira and Jane (Morgan) Leverich, had settled during the pioneer epoch in the history of this locality. His paternal grandfather, James Leverich, was a native of New

York, where he followed the occupation of farming and reared a large family. The maternal grandfather, John Morgan, was a native of Virginia. He, too, followed the occupation of farming and with his family removed from Virginia to Ohio and in an early day they became residents of Iowa, where the remainder of their lives were passed.

Ira Leverich was born in the Empire state, where his youthful days were spent upon a farm, and the occupation to which he was reared he made his life work. On leaving New York he removed to Ohio, afterward becoming a resident of Indiana and in 1836 arrived in Iowa. At that time the city of Muscatine, which was then called Bloomington, contained only a few log cabins and gave every evidence of being a frontier settlement. He secured a claim in Moscow township, upon which he resided for two years, and then removed to Linn county, where he aided in laying out the town of Marion—the county seat. After a short time, however, he sold his interest there and went to Cedar county, where he secured a claim and conducted a farm until 1855. In that year he located in Wilton Junction, where the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad was being built and made his home there until 1867, when he went to Missouri. He died in Oxford in 1892 when in his eighty-sixth year. His wife, who was born in Virginia, passed away in 1885 at the age of seventy-three years. Both were Methodists of the old school, strict in their religious observances, and at all times their lives were most upright and honorable. The father was a soldier of the Black Hawk war. Their family numbered nine children, seven sons and two daughters: Morgan, deceased; Ruthven W.; Marion, living in St. Louis; Perry, who has passed away; Angeline, the wife of B. Reed, of Elko, South Carolina; Charles, whose home is in Montana; Bruce, deceased; Marilda, the wife of John Sutherland, of Missouri; and William.

Professor Leverich was reared in Muscatine county, where he has made his home throughout his entire life. He began his education in one of the old-time log schoolhouses such as were common in primitive days. On each side of the room a log had been removed and little panes of window glass were strung along to fill up the hole and furnish light. Later, however, the school system was more carefully organized, directors were elected and a brick schoolhouse was built. After he had mastered the curriculum of the district school he entered Cornell College and has greatly supplemented his knowledge by broad reading, study, experience and observation. From early manhood he has been connected with the profession of teaching. In the '70s he became a teacher in the Wilton schools and without his knowledge or solicitation was nominated for the post of county superintendent of schools, his ability causing him to be named for the office. At the ensuing election he was strongly supported by popular suffrage and re-election continued him in office for ten years. His experience during that period served to bring to him a knowledge of the deficiencies and the needs of school teachers and on his retirement from office he opened his present normal and training school to fit young men and women for teaching. He has conducted this institution since 1885 and has made it a valuable adjunct to the educational facilities of this part of the state. He keeps in constant touch with the progress that is being made along educational lines and his initiative spirit has brought

forth various advanced and progressive ideas, the practical worth of which has stood the test of time.

On the 20th of December, 1859, Professor Leverich was married to Miss Olive Garlock, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Garlock. Of the five children born of this marriage only two are living: Maude, the wife of W. L. Mull, a wholesale grocer of Muscatine; and Mabel, who is the wife of F. D. Throop, publisher of the Muscatine Journal, and the mother of two children: Marjorie and Mary Katherine. Mrs. Leverich was born in New York, of which state her parents were also natives. Removing westward, they became pioneer residents of Muscatine county.

In his political views Professor Leverich is a republican and, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, is able to support his position by intelligent argument. His work in the educational field has been of distinct value to the county. He has many friends in this part of the state and is always seen in those social circles where the intelligent men of the community are to be found in the discussion of questions of vital importance.

WILLIAM FOSTER BISHOP.

Prominent among the citizens of Muscatine is William Foster Bishop, president of the Hawkeye Pearl Button Company and one of the native sons of this city, who by the exercise of industry and natural ability has gained an enviable standing in the business world. He was born September 12, 1865, and is a son of Jacob A. and Rebecca Bishop, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The father was reared at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and came to Muscatine at an early day, where he engaged in the grocery business. He departed this life in 1905, at the age of more than four score years, and the mother died in 1879. Both were members of the Congregational church. There were five children in their family, three sons and two daughters: John, deceased; Minnie, who became the wife of Mann Hershey and is now deceased; Nellie A., now Mrs. L. C. Crossman, of Los Angeles, California; Edward, also of Los Angeles; and William F., our subject.

After receiving his preliminary education in the common schools William F. Bishop entered the high school of Muscatine, from which he was graduated in 1884, at the age of nineteen years. Having decided upon a business career, he went to Poughkeepsie, New York, and became a student at the Eastman Business College, graduating from that celebrated institution in 1885. Returning to Muscatine, he entered the wholesale commission house of Hoopes & Son as bookkeeper and later was connected for three or four years with the office of S. & L. Cohn. He then entered into partnership with John S. Sterneman and P. J. Mackey in the wholesale clothing business. Finally in 1900 he associated with C. C. Hagerman in the manufacture of pearl button blanks and the business has ever since been conducted under the firm name of Bishop & Hagerman. In 1903 this firm, in connection with F. C. Vetter, organized the Hawkeye Pearl Button Company, which was incorporated and has become one of the

most important concerns of the kind in the country. It maintains a factory at Muscatine and branch factories at Keokuk and Oskaloosa, Iowa, and Canton, Missouri, employing seven or eight hundred persons. The company maintains a branch office in New York city and also carries a large stock of goods in St. Louis, selling to all parts of the United States. Mr. Bishop is also identified with other business enterprises and is a director of the First National Bank of Muscatine.

In 1890, at Muscatine, Mr. Bishop was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Carskaddan, a daughter of Judge Jerome and Marilla (Brown) Carskaddan, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. One child, Jerome, has blessed the union.

Mr. Bishop is a prominent member of the Masonic order, being a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and belonging to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; and Zarephath Consistory. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the advancement of the welfare of the country. He takes a great interest in motor boating and is a member of the Muscatine Launch Club and also of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat Association, serving at present as commodore of the latter organization, which has about three thousand members and is one of the most important associations of the kind in the country. Beginning twenty-five years ago in a subordinate position, Mr. Bishop has steadily advanced and today is a prominent factor in the manufacturing business of the west. This he has accomplished by close application and sound judgment. He is a man of clear perception and unusual enterprise, and his opinions are always given careful consideration by those with whom he is associated, as they are founded on experience and observation. He is a type of the men who control the large industries and are today coming forward not only as the employers of the country but as the peacemakers of the world.

L. N. AYERS.

L. N. Ayers, now living at ease in a beautiful home at Wilton Junction, Iowa, has been a resident of the state since his boyhood and for more than forty years past has been actively identified with its progress. He was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, April 2, 1845, his parents being David and Mary (Walters) Ayers. The father was a native of New York state and came to Iowa in 1854. Here he followed farming until his death, which occurred in 1901. The mother was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, and was married in her native county. She is now living in Cedar county at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Of the children born to Mr. and Mrs. David Ayers two died in infancy. The others were: Sheldon, John and Cobaugh, all now deceased; L. N., our subject; Elizabeth, the widow of Jonathan Ford, of Cedar county, Iowa; Amanda, the wife of O. V. Kennison, of Nebraska; H. B., of

Wilton Junction, Iowa; Peter, of Cedar county; and Etta, the wife of William McCroskey, also of Cedar county.

L. N. Ayers came to Cedar county, Iowa, with his parents at the age of nine years. He received his early education in the common schools and continued upon the home farm until twenty-three years of age. Subsequently he began farming for himself in Cedar county and remained upon the same farm for thirty-three years, in the course of which time he became the owner of five hundred acres upon which he made many improvements. He also owns forty-seven acres which has become quite valuable as it is adjacent to a growing town. During the last five years of his active participation in farming he devoted a great deal of attention to the raising of Hereford cattle and gained an enviable reputation in that line. In the course of many years he acquired an established reputation as one of the progressive and prosperous citizens of Cedar county and since 1899 he has made his home at Wilton Junction.

In 1868 Mr. Ayers was married to Miss Kate Fulton, of Ohio, and by this union six children were born: Harry F., now managing one of his father's farms in Cedar county; Frank, Charles and Clarence, deceased; Vera, the wife of Dr. H. H. Johnson, of Wilton Junction; and Fay, at home. The mother of these children passed away July 4, 1907, and on March 24, 1910, Mr. Ayers was united in marriage at Wilton Junction to Miss Ella Detchon, who was born near Wingate, Montgomery county, Indiana, and is a daughter of Heman and Amanda Elizabeth (Agnew) Detchon. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania but was reared in Ohio and from there went to Indiana, later taking up his residence in Cedar county, Iowa. He died in Indiana in 1901. In his early life he engaged in the grocery business but later prospered as a farmer. Mrs. Ayers' grandfather Detchon came to this country with his parents from England in his boyhood. Her mother was born in Parke county, Indiana, and came to Cedar county in 1841. She was married February 22, 1860, to Heman Detchon and departed this life in April, 1873. Three children blessed their union: Preda, the wife of Warner Throckmorton, who lives near Lafayette, Indiana; Ella, now Mrs. Ayers, mentioned; and H. S., a practicing physician of Victor, Iowa. Mr. Detchon was married a second time and there were three children by this union: Lydia, Max and Otto.

Mrs. Ayers came to Wilton Junction in 1876 and made her home with her grandfather. Two years later she took up her residence with her uncle in whose home she remained until her marriage. She received a good education and after arriving at womanhood taught in the rural schools for three years and for seventeen years was identified with the schools of Wilton Junction, being known as one of its most efficient and popular teachers. At twelve years of age she joined the Presbyterian church and has ever since been an active worker in the church and Sunday school.

Mr. Ayers gives his allegiance to the republican party and has filled a number of public offices of trust and responsibility. He has served as school director and trustee, as councilman for three years and for four years as mayor of Wilton Junction. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias, having passed through all of the chairs of the local lodge, and is identified with the Presbyterian church. He has not only been highly successful in his business affairs

but has made a host of friends in Muscatine and Cedar counties. He came to this region at a time previous to the Civil war, when settlers were obliged to haul their produce by wagon to Davenport and purchased all of their provisions at that point. His memory carries him back to the log hut which his father built in the wilderness and later to the time when his father brought lumber from Davenport for a more pretentious home. He remembers seeing many Indians wandering along Sugar creek and also has a clear recollection of the first house built in Wilton Junction. When he first came to this region it was the custom to plow corn with slow-going oxen. The first cultivator used in those days was of primitive pattern and it was necessary to make three furrows for every row of corn. In no department of labor has the introduction of improved machinery been of greater benefit than in that pertaining to the farm.

THOMAS FRANCIS BARRY.

The manufacturing interests of Muscatine are well represented by Thomas Francis Barry, treasurer of the Barry Manufacturing Company and for forty-three years past a resident of this city. He was born in Rock Island, Illinois, October 7, 1862, and is a son of Nicholas and Alice (Potts) Barry, both of whom were born in County Wexford, Ireland. The father learned the tailor's trade in his native country and came to America in 1847, spending nine years in Cleveland, at the end of which time he removed to Rock Island, where he engaged in the gas business. He came to Muscatine in 1867 and in 1876 entered the plumbing, gas and steam fitting business, associating with three of his sons. In 1889 they began handling plumbers' supplies and in the meantime had also become identified with the manufacture of pearl button machinery. The firm employs from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five persons in this line and sells its products in all parts of the United States. The father retired from active business a few years ago and is living with his wife in Muscatine in the enjoyment of the results of many years of well directed labor. Seven children came to bless their home: Patrick; Mary, the widow of Philip Fahey; James, a resident of Chicago; Catherine, the wife of John Hadden, also of Chicago; Nicholas, Jr.; Alice, the wife of Frank Anson, of Muscatine; and Thomas Francis.

The subject of this review was five years old when he came with his parents to Muscatine. He was educated in the parochial schools and after laying his books aside learned the plumber's trade, which he followed for a number of years, associating with his father and two brothers, Patrick and Nicholas, in handling plumbers' supplies, in 1876. He has also been closely identified with them for the last twenty-one years in the manufacture of button machinery and has assisted very materially in building up the business to its present handsome proportions.

In 1885 Mr. Barry was united in marriage to Miss Mary Curran Stockdale, a native of Muscatine and a daughter of John and Maria Curran Stockdale. The father was born in England and the mother in County Mayo, Ireland. They

were early settlers in Muscatine, Mr. Stockdale departing this life at the age of seventy-one years, in 1899. His wife was called away at the age of seventy years, in 1910. There were four children in their family: Mary, now Mrs. Barry; Hattie, the widow of W. L. Thompson, of Muscatine; Ann, the wife of Edwin Forrester, of Seattle, Washington; and James T., of Schenectady, New York. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Barry: Albert S., Helen P., Mary Frances and James John.

The members of the family are all identified with the Catholic church and Mr. Barry holds membership in the Knights of Columbus. Politically he is independent, belonging to that class of men who vote for candidates whom they consider best qualified for office regardless of party affiliation. Mr. Barry is a man of sterling character, attentive to his duties and always willing to assist in any measure that aims to enhance the attractiveness of the city.

DANIEL GRIMM.

Prominent among the farmers of Montpelier township is the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this review. For nearly fifty years a resident of the county, he has shown an enterprise and clear judgment in his business affairs which early gave promise that he would be unusually successful in his career. This promise has been amply fulfilled and today Mr. Grimm is one of the prosperous farmers of the county and is recognized as a man whose influence is always for the best interests of those with whom he is associated and also for the welfare of the district in which he lives.

He was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, August 28, 1851, a son of Daniel Grimm, a native of Prussia, Germany, who emigrated to America in 1847 and for fifteen years made his home in Ohio. He then came to Montpelier township, Muscatine county, Iowa, where he purchased one hundred and forty acres of land in section 6, upon which he established his home. After the encroachment of years had deprived him of the ability for active pursuits, he retired to Montpelier, where he departed this life in 1896. Industrious and economical, he set a good example for his neighbors and children and was one of the substantial men of the region. Politically he was in sympathy with the democratic party and in religious belief he was a German Lutheran. The mother of our subject, who bore the maiden name of Philippina Rausch, was also a native of Germany. Of the eight children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Grimm six are now living, two of whom make their home in Muscatine county.

Daniel Grimm grew up under the friendly shelter of a peaceful home and was taught as a boy by his father that all useful work is honorable. He received his education in the public schools of Ohio and coming to Muscatine county with his parents, assisted in the work of the home farm until he reached the age of twenty-one years, when he began working for himself. Commencing at the bottom of the ladder financially, he carefully saved his money and at the age of twenty-five years purchased one hundred acres of land in Montpelier township, which he still owns. To this he has added from time to time until the farm now



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comprises four hundred and forty acres, which he cultivates with good judgment, also devoting a great deal of time to stock-raising. That he is successful in all departments of farming is evident to those who have reason to visit his well arranged place, which is thoroughly provided with modern buildings and machinery, and the owner may well be proud of the result of his many years of labor.

In 1875 Mr. Grimm was united in marriage to Miss Philippina Metz, a daughter of Michael and Henrietta (Gettert) Metz. By this union ten children have been born, nine of whom are now living, namely: Bena, who married George Brei and has five children; George, a resident of Sweetland township; Daniel, Jr., who married Katheryn Saltan; and Jake, Clara, Emma, Mildred, Andrew and Louie, all of whom are at home.

Successful in his business, happy in his family relations, and broad-minded and progressive in the discharge of his duties to the community, Mr. Grimm may truly be regarded as a useful factor in the upbuilding of the county and state. He is a man of genial social qualities and is a valued member of Lodge No. 190, M. B. A. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has served as township trustee and in other offices of public responsibility, always displaying a fairness which met the hearty indorsement of the people of his township. He and his wife have many friends in the community and are affiliated with the German Lutheran church, to whose teachings they give unquestioned acceptance.

JACOB J. LEGLER.

Jacob J. Legler, a well known farmer and stockman who for a number of years past has lived in Muscatine, was born in this county, on a farm three miles from the city, November 1, 1856. He is a son of David and Susanna (Shindler) Legler. The father was a native of Switzerland and came to the United States in 1850. He located in the west and for ten years was captain of a raft-boat, running logs down the river from Stillwater. About 1860 he began farming in Lake township, Muscatine county, devoting his attention principally to stock-feeding. In politics he was a republican and in religious faith was identified with the Congregational church. He departed this life July 5, 1864, and his remains were buried in High Prairie cemetery. The mother of our subject was also born in Switzerland. She was married in Muscatine county and is now living at Pipestone, Minnesota. There were five children in the family: Jacob J., our subject; David, of Muscatine; Erhardt; J. P., deceased; and Kate, now Mrs. Morris Evans, of Pipestone, Minnesota.

Jacob J. Legler was educated in the common schools of Lake township and at the Letts high school. After laying his books aside he devoted his attention to the home farm and at twenty-five years of age began stock-raising in Lake township. In 1881 he removed to Seventy-six township and continued stock-raising, also feeding stock for market quite extensively. He has lived in Muscatine since 1897 but continues to actively engage in the stock business. He is now the owner of two hundred acres of well improved land in Seventy-six town-

ship, one hundred and sixty acres in Sweetland and Bloomington townships and eighty acres in Canada. He is also identified with other interests and is a member of the board of directors of the Muscatine State Bank.

On the 5th of October, 1881, Mr. Legler was united in marriage to Miss Ida L. Geiger, a native of Muscatine county. One child, Gertrude, has been born to them. She is now the wife of Thomas H. Bramen, of Muscatine.

Mr. Legler is a staunch supporter of the republican party and, although he has not aspired to public office, he has held several township offices, discharging the duties with the same interest that he bestows upon his private affairs. He is connected with the Masonic order and holds membership in the blue lodge, chapter and commandery at Muscatine and Kaaba Temple of Davenport, Iowa. He is also affiliated with the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Knights of Pythias and the Modern Brotherhood of America, all of Muscatine. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian church and are liberal contributors toward its support. Mr. Legler has been unusually successful in his business and in the course of many years' association with others has made many friends. He is the fortunate possessor of quick apprehension and clear discernment and, being a man of liberal public spirit, he is always ready to assist in forwarding any movement that aims to promote the public good.

JAMES AND ISABEL TOUGH.

One of the best improved farms in Fulton township is the old Tough homestead, which for more than fifty years was the home of the family. The first to reside there were James and Isabel (McConach) Tough, both natives of Scotland. The father was born in June, 1823, and the mother on the 12th of August, 1827. In 1854 they emigrated to the United States and located in Ohio but after one year's residence in that state decided to come farther west and removed to Muscatine county, Iowa. Here they settled upon a farm which they rented, continuing to cultivate leased land for ten years, but at the expiration of that period they had by means of thrift, careful management and much self-denial accumulated sufficient capital to enable them to buy eighty acres of land in Fulton township. They were both industrious and persevering and were able to add to their original purchase from time to time until at their deaths they had accumulated four hundred acres of valuable farm land.

They were the parents of eleven children, who are as follows: Margaret, who was born in Scotland on the 21st of January, 1848, is living with her brothers John and Charles. James, born on the 12th of December, 1854, is living in Jasper county, Iowa. John, born on the 10th of March, 1860, and Charles, born on the 21st of June, 1866, are now residents of Muscatine. David, born on the 31st of May, 1871, resides in Earlham, Iowa. Sarah I., born on the 4th of May, 1872, is the wife of Abraham Eis, of Muscatine county. George died at the age of seven years. William died in infancy. Edwin and Irwin, twins, are both deceased. Samuel also died in infancy. The children all received common-school educations.

The family always attended the Methodist Episcopal church, of which the parents were life-long members. The father passed away in 1886 and the mother two years later, both being laid to rest in Blue Grass cemetery, Scott county, Iowa. Mr. Tough always voted the republican ticket but was never an office seeker. He and his wife were held in high esteem in the community where they lived for so many years.

The two sons, John and Charles Tough, remained at home with their parents and after the death of the mother they bought the interests of the other heirs and together with their sister Margaret continued to reside on the old homestead until the 1st of March, 1911, when they removed to Muscatine. They now rent the farm, which is located on sections 20 and 21, Fulton township, and contains four hundred acres of most fertile and valuable land. In addition to their agricultural pursuits the brothers made a specialty of raising stock of all kinds, in which they have met with success.

Ever since they attained their majority they have been identified with the republican party, and although they do not take an active interest in politics, not aspiring to public office, at the same time they are at the polls on election day to fulfill their responsibility as citizens by casting their votes for the candidates of their party. They are highly regarded in the community where they have spent their entire lives.

ADAM WIGIM.

Adam Wigim, who lives in a handsome residence at 403 West Second street, Muscatine, is one of the prosperous stockmen of Muscatine county. He has resided in this city since 1906 but has not relinquished his farm interests, being yet in active business and one of the prominent stock-feeders of eastern Iowa.

He was born in Seventy-six township October 10, 1852, and is a son of Samuel and Martha (Deatty) Wigim, both natives of County Tyrone, Ireland. The mother came to the United States with her parents in 1843 on a sailing vessel which required nine weeks to cross the ocean. They landed at Philadelphia and traveled on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to Muscatine county, settling in Seventy-six township. This was in pioneer days and they were among the sturdy settlers who assisted in conquering the wilderness. The father of our subject came to this country in 1850 through the port of New Orleans, his parents also locating in Seventy-six township, where he made his home for many years and became a prominent stockman. He moved to Muscatine in 1893. There were five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wigim: Adam, our subject; Samuel, of Johnson county, Iowa; Robert, also of Johnson county; Mary A., now the wife of Henry Nyenhius, of Muscatine; and Jane, the wife of Daniel Cable, of Muscatine. The mother of these children passed away in 1874 and is buried at Muscatine. Mr. Wigim was again married, the lady of his choice being Miss Maggie Trueman, and two children were born to this union: Hugh, of Muscatine; and Trueman, of Greeley, Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Wigim are now living in this city.

The subject of this review was educated in the district schools and in a select school at Muscatine. He was reared upon the home farm and early became familiar with agricultural and stock-raising operations, so that when he began life upon his own account he was well prepared for the responsibility. His principal interests for many years have been the feeding of live stock and he is one of the largest feeders in Seventy-six township, also owning six hundred and eighty acres of land, which is provided with every facility for its cultivation and also for the raising and care of live stock. Four years ago Mr. Wigim took up his residence in Muscatine, where he and his family enjoy advantages of society and relaxation not found in the country.

In 1893 Mr. Wigim was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Trueman and two children have come to brighten their home: Robert B., in the second year of the high school; and Gertrude L., a student in the first year of the high school.

Politically Mr. Wigim is an adherent of the democratic party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the permanency of the republic. He has never sought public office but served with great acceptance as trustee and clerk of Seventy-six township and is now treasurer of the school board, with which he has been connected for sixteen years, being also a member of the board of trustees of Muscatine township. He and his estimable wife are valued members of the First Presbyterian church, of which they are liberal supporters. Mr. Wigim has all his life been identified with the agricultural and stock-raising interests and applied himself with such diligence that he has carried forward to success whatever he has undertaken. He is a man of clear judgment and an abundance of energy. He commands the respect of all who know him, representing as he does the great industry upon which the prosperity of the state and nation is based.

ZELAH W. HUTCHINSON.

Among the citizens of Muscatine well known in other parts of the state of Iowa on account of helpfulness to others is Zelah W. Hutchinson, treasurer of the Muscatine Lumber & Box Company. He was born in Iowa City, February 6, 1846, and is a son of Robert and Julia M. (Whetstone) Hutchinson, the former of whom was born in New Hampshire and the latter in Ohio. The father was in early manhood a carpenter and stone-mason. He located in Iowa City in 1839 and remained there until his death. In 1849 he was attracted by the gold excitement and made a trip overland to California, returning in 1852. In his later years he did carpenter work and operated a stone quarry. He was a man of high standing and was greatly respected by those with whom he was associated. For many years, while the State Blind Asylum was located at Iowa City, he acted as treasurer of that institution. He departed this life at the age of seventy-two years, in 1886. His wife passed away in 1899, at the age of seventy-five years. There were twelve children in their family, ten of whom grew to maturity: Julia E., the wife of P. M. Musser, of Muscatine; Zelah W.,

our subject; Laura C., who married J. S. Clark and is now deceased; Charles J., living near Fresno, California; Frank P., of Iowa City; Sophy, the wife of John L. Teeters, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Hannah J., now Mrs. George M. Titus, of Muscatine; Carrie W., the wife of L. C. Clapp, of Wichita, Kansas; Sarah D., of Iowa City; and Ada, also of Iowa City.

Solomon Hutchinson, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of New Hampshire and lived at Milford and Nashua. He was of English descent and participated in the war of 1812. His wife was Miss Catherine Flynn in her maidenhood, and they were the parents of six children: George, Henry, Jacob, Harriet, Robert and Kate. The maternal grandfather was Zelah Whetstone, a farmer who lived for some years about fifteen miles from Cincinnati, Ohio, where he died in middle life. He married a Miss Voorhis and they were the parents of three children: Hannah, Julia M. and Jacob.

The subject of this review was reared in Iowa City and received his preliminary education in the public schools, later attending the high school and the State University of Iowa. In 1863 he made a trip overland to Denver, Colorado, with an ox team but after a few months in the mountains returned home, having determined to devote himself to civil engineering. In 1865 he was a member of the party that ran a line for the first railroad track that was laid at Omaha and for four years was connected with the engineering department of the Union Pacific Railway, his last work being at a point two miles from where the golden spike was driven. He first came to Muscatine in 1875 but was subsequently called elsewhere, returning in 1880, since which time he has made this city his home and during the entire period of thirty years has been connected with the Musser Lumber Company as secretary and sales manager. He is also treasurer of the Muscatine Lumber & Box Company and in his business affairs has shown a capacity that has not only brought ample returns to himself but has met the warm approval of those with whom he has been associated.

On the 13th of June, 1872, Mr. Hutchinson was united in marriage to Miss Clara Hogin, a daughter of John C. and Christiann (Richards) Hogin. Mrs. Hutchinson was born in Danville, Indiana, while her father is a native of Indiana and her mother of Ohio. The family located at Sigourney, Iowa, where the father died at sixty-three years of age. The mother passed away in 1904, at the age of seventy-five years. There were seven children in their family: Clara, Susan, James, Josephine, Russell, Ella and Lilly. James L. Hogin, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hutchinson, was a native of Delaware. He removed to Danville, Indiana, where he engaged in the merchandise business, later continuing in the same line at Sigourney, Iowa. He departed this life at the age of seventy-five years. Eleven children grew to maturity in his family: John C., Catherine, Caroline, Elvira, James L., Mary Ann, Cornelia E., George B., Juliet W., William F., Benjamin R. To Mr. and Mrs. Hutchinson four children have been born: Zel H., a lumber and box manufacturer of Cloquet, Minnesota, who married Miss Sarah Shaw and is the father of one son, Willis; Harry H., who married Margaret Guthrie and is a lumberman of St. Joseph, Missouri; Ida, who has been a teacher and is living at home; and Julia E., who married Ralph L. Harding, a civil engineer on railroad work at Tanauan, Philippine Islands.

Mr. Hutchinson is identified with the republican party and, although not a seeker for official honors, he has served for ten years past with great acceptance as member of the city school board. He and his wife are actively connected with the Baptist church, in which he serves as deacon. His interest outside of his business and his home is in religious work. He has been president of the Iowa Baptist state convention for the past two years and has been superintendent of the Sunday school of his church for sixteen years. In his various duties he has shown excellent judgment and is justly honored for his unselfish services in behalf of his fellowmen.

BURTON L. METCALF.

Among the successful farmers of Muscatine county should be named Burton L. Metcalf, also a stock-buyer and an industrious, energetic citizen, who has attained a high place in the regard of the community. He was born in Sandusky, Ohio, November 25, 1868, a son of Reuben and Melissa (Laughlin) Metcalf, the former of whom was born in England and the latter in Pennsylvania. They were married in Ohio and made their home for a time in Iowa, later returning to the Buckeye state. In 1870 they came a second time to Iowa and settled near Nichols in Muscatine county. In 1878 the father bought one hundred and sixty acres of land in Pike township and here he continued until his death, which occurred in July, 1878. The mother is still living and makes her home in South Dakota. There were the following children in their family: Evelyn, who died in infancy; Harvey L., of Muscatine county; Hattie, now the wife of G. L. Rupley, of Stamford, South Dakota, and the mother of five children: Nettie, Bertha, Clayton, Reuben and Harvey; James, who was born June 17, 1858, and died August 28, 1879; Burton L., our subject; and Nettie, the wife of Elmer Hankins, of South Dakota, and the mother of two children, Blanche and Arthur.

Burton L. Metcalf was brought to Muscatine county by his parents in his infancy and was reared under the paternal roof, pursuing his studies in the district school. He began his business career at fifteen years of age as a farm hand, working by the month for seven years. He was then identified with a meat market for a short time and for one year was clerk in a grocery store. Having married, he farmed for eight years and for an equal length of time conducted a meat market and also bought and shipped live stock, while for two years he was in charge of a hotel at Nichols. He is now engaged as a buyer and shipper of live stock and also a farmer upon quite an extensive scale, as he owns two places, one of them highly improved and the other in good condition. For seven years past he and his family have occupied a commodious residence at Nichols. He is recognized as one of the rising men of the county—a man of unusual enterprise and business ability who seldom engages in anything which he does not carry through to success.

On the 6th of April, 1893, Mr. Metcalf was united in marriage to Miss Ina Hankins, of Orono township, Muscatine county, who was born April 6, 1869,

and is a daughter of Timothy and Elizabeth (Lee) Hankins, both natives of Ohio. The parents came to Iowa and after living for a time in Louisa county located in Muscatine county, where Mr. Hankins purchased a farm of one hundred and twenty acres. Here he continued to reside until his death, which occurred October 9, 1897. His wife died in August, 1900, and was laid to rest beside her husband in Brockway cemetery. Ten children constituted their family: Nancy, deceased; John, a resident of Muscatine county; Frances, the widow of Henry Brown, of Muscatine county; George, deceased; Susie, the wife of Harry Morris, of Davenport, Iowa; Cornelia, also deceased; Oda, the wife of Walter Morris, of Davenport; Ina, now Mrs. Metcalf; William, of Muscatine county; and Emma, now the wife of Bert Park, of Davenport. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Metcalf two children have been born: Clarence R., born May 13, 1895, now attending high school; and Alberta F., born March 11, 1899.

Mr. Metcalf has had a wide experience as a business man and has good discrimination, natural and acquired by much experience, which assist him greatly in the determination of values in his business. Governed by a high sense of honor, he has an established reputation for unswerving reliability and is one of the highly esteemed citizens of the county. Politically he is identified with the democratic party and has served as mayor of Nichols for two years, as township trustee for four years and as justice of the peace also for a period of four years. At the present time he is a member of the city council. Fraternally he is connected with Stainless Lodge, No. 445, A. F. & A. M.; the Odd Fellows lodge, and the Modern Woodmen of America, all of Nichols, and he is heartily in sympathy with the principles of those organizations. He and his wife are members of Nichols Lodge, No. 1271, Royal Neighbors, and are also connected with the Christian church, being active workers not only in upbuilding the moral interests of the community but also in movements that promote its material welfare.

HERMANN D. JARR.

Among the worthy sons of Germany who have established homes in Muscatine county Hermann D. Jarr occupies an honorable place. Starting with nothing but a sound constitution and indomitable courage, he overcame numberless obstacles and today is surrounded by conveniences and comforts which all should aim to possess but many never attain. He has a home, a highly productive farm and scores of friends. All of these he has gained as the result of years of self-denial and well applied labor. He was born in Germany, November 18, 1855, a son of Christ and Fredericka (Raehr) Jarr, both natives of Holstein, Germany. They were the parents of seven children, three of whom are now living.

Hermann D. Jarr was educated in his native country and continued there for several years after reaching manhood. In 1882 he came to America and for twelve years worked upon a farm in Cedar county, Iowa. By diligence and economy he acquired sufficient capital to purchase eighty acres of land in Wil-

ton township, Muscatine county, nearly all the improvements upon which he has made with his own hands. The residence, barn and outbuildings are thoroughly adapted for their purpose and everything about the place shows careful attention and practical knowledge on the part of the owner. Mr. Jarr makes a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and has met with gratifying success along these lines. He was reared in the Lutheran church but is not an active member of any religious denomination, feeling friendly toward them all. Politically he lends his support to the democratic party. As a citizen of Muscatine county he has assisted to the extent of his ability in advancing its interests and may be depended upon to give his support to every measure that will promote the public good.

GEORGE UMSCHIED.

George Umscheid, one of the enterprising and successful agriculturists of Pike township, is the owner of a neat and attractive farm of one hundred and twenty acres. His birth occurred in Muscatine county on the 4th of December, 1865, his parents being Louis and Katherine (Knopp) Umscheid, both of whom were natives of Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to the new world in the '40s and some time in the early '50s located in this county, the father here working at the mason's trade for ten years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Illinois and there followed general agricultural pursuits for sixteen years. He then returned to Muscatine county, Iowa, purchased a farm and continued its operation until he retired in 1892, owning at that time a valuable tract of land of two hundred and sixty-six acres. His demise occurred in Muscatine on the 10th of September, 1894, and thus the community lost one of its substantial and esteemed citizens. His wife was called to her final rest on the 18th of February, 1903. They were the parents of eight children, as follows: Leo, who is a resident of Oregon; Margaret, who died when three years of age; Katie, the wife of Thomas Fowler, of Illinois; George, of this review; John, living at Spirit Lake, Iowa; Margaret, who is the wife of Paul Noll and makes her home in Brooklyn, New York; Leonard, who is a resident of Muscatine, Iowa; and Mary, the wife of John Foley, of Nichols, Iowa.

George Umscheid obtained his education in the common schools and was twenty-two years of age when he left the parental roof and started out upon an independent career, going to Colorado, where he worked as a farm hand and at the same time took up a claim. At the end of three years he returned to Muscatine county and here began the cultivation of rented land, being thus busily engaged until 1907. In that year he bought a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Pike township and has since brought the property under a high state of cultivation and improvement. The farm presents a well kept appearance and everything about the place is indicative of the careful supervision of the owner, whose methods are at once practical and progressive. His industry has ever been one of his salient characteristics and has been the measure of his success.



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On the 5th of October, 1892, Mr. Umscheid was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Rausch, who was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, on the 3d of March, 1871, her parents being Adam and Elizabeth (Becht) Rausch, natives of Germany. They established their home in Illinois at an early day and there continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives, the father owning and operating a quarter section of land. Adam Rausch, who died in 1871, was survived by his wife until September 30, 1908, when she, too, passed away. Unto them were born four children, namely: William, who is a resident of Viola, Illinois; Amelia, who was the wife of James McDonald and passed away on the 27th of September, 1900; George, living in Illinois City, Illinois; and Mrs. Umscheid. The last named is the mother of three children: Ernest M., who was born on the 19th of June, 1893; Louis A., whose natal day was September 30, 1894; and Margaret, whose birth occurred on the 17th of May, 1896. All three are high school students.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Umscheid has supported the men and measures of the democracy, believing firmly in its principles. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Nichols, Iowa, while in religious faith he is a Catholic. Mr. and Mrs. Umscheid are people of the highest respectability, whose good qualities of heart and mind have won for them the confidence and friendly regard of all who know them.

CHARLES HENRY YOUNG.

Charles Henry Young, city engineer of Muscatine, being left an orphan at ten years of age, earned the money to pay his way at college and has attained high standing in a profession that calls for the best abilities of a thoroughly trained mind. He was born in Muscatine, August 6, 1880, and is a son of Henry and Emma (Spaethe) Young, the former of whom was born in Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, and the latter in Muscatine. The father came to America with his parents when seven years of age, the trip requiring seven weeks in a sailing vessel. The family settled in Muscatine, where the son learned the barber's trade, which he followed until his death in 1890 at the age of forty-one years. His faithful wife died eight months later, at the age of thirty-seven years. Nicholas Young, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was a merchant of Muscatine and was called away at seventy-four years of age. He married Sophia Burr, by whom he had two children: Henry; and Sophia, who became the wife of Nicholas Freyermuth. The maternal grandfather was Frederic Spaethe, a highly educated man, a bookkeeper and a very early settler of Muscatine. There were six children in his family: John, Emma, Charles, Louise, Ida and Benjamin. To Henry and Emma Young three children were born: Charles Henry; Lulu, the wife of W. W. Papes, of Muscatine; and Nora, who died at the age of twenty-three years.

Charles Henry Young, having been deprived of parental care by the death of his father and mother, went to live with his aunt, Mrs. W. F. Kuebler, and his uncle, C. H. Spaethe. At the age of eleven years he went to Quincy, Illinois,

where he lived with his aunt, Mrs. W. F. Bader, continuing in her household for six years. He attended the public schools of Quincy, where he gained a thirst for education, which he has never been able entirely to quench. At the age of seventeen he returned to Muscatine and entered the employ of the Van Nostrand Saddlery Company, learning the trade of harnessmaking and saddlery. He was with the firm for five years and became assistant foreman. Going into the country, he farmed for one year and then became a student of the Iowa State College, remaining at that institution for a year and a half. In the fall of 1905, in order to secure funds for further educational work, he became connected with the engineering department of the Northwestern Railroad Company in Wisconsin and in June, 1906, went to Cheyenne, Wyoming, for the Union Pacific Railway, where he continued for three months. Returning to the college, he spent one year more in the engineering department and then entered the employ of the Fort Dodge & Southern Railroad Company as bridge inspector, later being connected with the Marsh Bridge Company of Des Moines, Iowa, as their representative at Peoria, Illinois. He next took up his residence at Boulder, Colorado, the location of the Colorado State University, where he was identified with various engineering, municipal, mining and irrigation enterprises for a year and a half, at the end of which time he entered the University of Colorado but after one term was obliged to withdraw on account of typhoid fever. He returned to Muscatine in December, 1909, and opened an office in the Hershey building as civil engineer and surveyor, soon acquiring an enviable reputation in his chosen calling. On March 17, 1910, he was appointed by the city council as city engineer and was elected by popular vote March 6, 1911, for a term of two years, so that he is now most creditably filling that position.

Mr. Young holds membership in and is a trustee of the Baptist church and is identified with the Commercial Club and the Young Men's Christian Association. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. Politically he is an independent republican, as he prefers to vote for the man rather than the party. Although he began as a boy under many disadvantages, he has steadily forged ahead and today is recognized in Muscatine as one of its substantial and trustworthy citizens, who has the unqualified respect of all with whom he has associated.

WILLIAM STOCKDALE.

William Stockdale was the founder of the family in America which has its representatives in Muscatine county, the number including Mrs. Thomas Francis Barry. He was a native of Hornsea, Yorkshire, England, and was post carrier from Hull to Atwick. He had three wagons and handled produce and other merchandise. About 1830 he came to America and settled at Rotterdam (now Constantia), New York, but was not permitted to enjoy his new home long, his death there occurring when he was but forty-six years of age. He

had a brother who was keeper of the lighthouse at Flamborough Head, Yorkshire.

William Stockdale was united in marriage to Mary Cook, who was born at Long Riston, Yorkshire, England, in 1793, and died in Cicero, New York, in 1846, having for a number of years survived her husband. She married again, her second husband being a Mr. Cook. She had two brothers, Hartley and Fred, who settled near Lansing, Michigan. The children of William and Mary (Cook) Stockdale were: James, born in 1813; Caroline, in 1817; Tamer, in 1819; Ann; Amelia; William; Robert; and John, born in 1828.

The last-named, John Stockdale, came to Muscatine about 1857 or 1858 and for more than four decades remained a valued and representative resident of this city, his death here occurring about 1899. He wedded Maria Curran, a daughter of James Curran, and a granddaughter of Thomas and Honor (O'Connor) Curran. James Curran was born in 1804, his birthplace being probably County Mayo, Ireland. He had two brothers, James, older, and Edward, younger than himself. While in Ireland he was steward of the estate of a man named Burke at Loughboy, near Ballyhaunis, Connaught, County Mayo, Ireland. When Mr. Burke lost the estate James Curran left it and began farming for himself on land that had been given him by Mr. Burke and which was near or at Tulrahan, living in a stone house at the crossroads. He came to America in 1845, going first to Buffalo, New York, thence to Chillicothe, Ohio, and in 1855 or 1856 he arrived in Muscatine. He met his death by drowning while crossing the bridge at night at Fredonia, Iowa. He had wedded Mary Quinn, who was probably born near Clare or Tuam in County Mayo, Ireland. She was a daughter of Patrick and Mary (Holyon) Quinn and had two brothers, Luke and Timothy, and a sister, Honor Quinn. The children of James and Mary (Quinn) Curran were: Thomas, born in 1835; Ann, in 1838; Maria, in 1840; James; and John.

Of these Maria became the wife of John Stockdale and their children were: Mary, who was born in 1862 and in 1885 became the wife of Thomas Barry, who is mentioned elsewhere in this volume; James, who was born in 1863 and was married in 1906 to Ann P. Robinson; Harriett, born in 1866, who became the wife of William L. Thompson in 1890 and has a daughter, Mary Gladys, born in 1897; Ann, born in 1871, who was married in 1893 to Louis W. Chambers, who died in 1906, and in 1908 was married to Edwin W. Forester. They have one son, Robert, born in 1909. The names of Stockdale and Curran are both synonymous with progressiveness and activity in business, and reliability and public spirit in citizenship.

James Stockdale, another representative of this family, was born in Muscatine on the 19th of November, 1863, and received his early education in St. Mathias school. In 1877 he entered the Muscatine high school and was graduated from that institution in 1880. The following five years were devoted to railroad engineering and surveying in Iowa, Wyoming and California, and from 1886 to 1892, inclusive, he taught school in Santa Cruz and Monterey counties, California. He was also principal of the Salinas high school one year, in 1887, and principal of the Monterey schools from 1888 to 1892, during the same period being also a member of the county board of education. From 1893 until 1898

he was connected with the General Electric Company at San Francisco, and from there was transferred to the general offices of the same company at Schenectady, New York, where he is now employed in the power and mining department. In 1906 he married Miss Anne Poultney Robinson, of Baltimore, Maryland.

PHILIP J. MURPHY.

Philip J. Murphy, who was identified for many years with railroad construction and is now living retired in Muscatine in the enjoyment of a well earned rest, was born in County Wexford, Ireland, December 11, 1841, a son of John N. and Catherine (Keough) Murphy, both of whom were natives of the Emerald isle, where they were married. The father came to America in a sailing vessel which required six weeks for the voyage, arriving at New Orleans on Christmas morning of the year 1849. From this port he came up the Mississippi river to St. Louis and later to Muscatine, where he landed May 2, 1850. He continued at this place until 1856 or 1857, when he went to Iowa City, where he spent two years, returning at the end of that time to Muscatine, and here he passed away January 31, 1880. He was buried in St. Mary's cemetery. In the old country he was a farmer, but after coming to America worked as a stone-mason. The mother of our subject departed this life at Muscatine, January 11, 1880. There were seven children in the family: James, who died at the age of thirteen years; Philip J., our subject; Walter, who also departed this life at the age of thirteen; Mary, deceased; Bridget; Margaret, deceased; and Johanna, now living at No. 101 Iowa avenue, Muscatine.

Philip J. Murphy attended school under G. B. Denison, but the most important part of his education he considers was acquired during the Civil war under Captain W. F. Doron. On August 15, 1862, he enlisted in Company E, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for a period of three years in behalf of the Union and he served three years to a day, being honorably discharged as corporal of his company August 15, 1865. He participated in many of the leading battles and campaigns of the Army of the West, among which were the battle of Jackson, Mississippi, the siege of Vicksburg, the battles of Pleasant Hill and Yellow Bayou, Louisiana, Old River Lake, Tennessee, Tupelo, Mississippi, Nashville, Tennessee, and in innumerable minor engagements, always performing his duty in such a way as to meet the hearty approval of the officers of his company.

In 1867 Mr. Murphy entered the service of the Union Pacific Railway and in 1869 purchased eight teams in Muscatine and began railway construction work between Burlington and Fort Madison. He next went to Red Oak, Iowa, where he continued about eight months, and then to Carthage, Illinois, for the summer of 1870. His next operations in railway construction were carried on between Quincy, Illinois, and Hannibal, Missouri. He spent one season at Edina, Missouri, being connected with the Missouri Pacific Railway, and from there went to St. Joseph, Missouri, on construction work for the Chicago, Burlington &

Quincy road. He spent one season at Winthrop, Missouri, returning to Muscatine in 1872. The year following he went to Wisconsin, where he met with financial disaster and, returning to Muscatine, engaged in the street sprinkler business. However, in 1882 he again entered railroad construction work near Fargo, North Dakota, on the Northern Pacific road which was then being built by J. J. Hill, and with which he continued for two years, at the conclusion of which period he spent one year near Hazelton, Iowa. He was next identified with the construction of the Rock Island lines in Kansas as far south as the South Canadian river. His next contract was with the Pittsburg, Akron & Western Railroad near Akron, Ohio, for the season of 1890. In the spring of 1891 he spent four months grading for the Rock Island Railroad near Doss, Texas, and later operated near Harrington, Kansas; Harvard, Iowa; Mercer, Missouri; and Centerville, Iowa, during successive seasons. Mr. Murphy has since lived retired and is the owner of sixteen houses in Muscatine.

On January 28, 1868, Mr. Murphy was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Kelly, who is a native of Ireland and a lady of many excellent traits of mind and heart. He and his wife are both consistent members of St. Mathias Catholic church. Politically Mr. Murphy is independent and socially he holds membership in the Knights of Columbus and the Grand Army Post at Muscatine. He has seen a great deal of life in his contact with the world, from the time of the Civil war and also during the period of railway construction which was in progress on a great scale in various parts of the country for nearly forty years. He has been active, energetic, efficient and ever faithful in the discharge of his obligations, being always true to a sense of honor which has been one of his prominent characteristics. As a citizen he has nobly performed his duty and he is greatly esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

HARRY L. ROMIG.

A direct descendant on the paternal side of Mayflower ancestry, Harry L. Romig, who lives in Wilton township, Muscatine county, Iowa, has in his life exemplified many of the virtues possessed by his ancestors. He is a native of this county, born February 18, 1860, being the son of Aaron and Mary (Wilkinson) Romig. The father was born in Pennsylvania and the mother in New York state. The grandfather and great-grandfather of our subject served in the Revolutionary war, and the American progenitors of the family arrived on this shore in the Mayflower. After their marriage in New York state Mr. and Mrs. Romig came west, arriving at Muscatine, Iowa, in 1854. The father engaged for four years in the boot and shoe business, and then sold out and worked at the carpenter's trade for five years. In 1863 he purchased a farm in Sweetland township, which he cultivated until 1869, when he disposed of it and located permanently on one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Wilton township. He was an industrious and enterprising man and became quite successful as a farmer and stock-raiser. He died in 1885, and his widow is now living on the home place and has reached the venerable age of eighty-two years.

There were seven children in the family, one of whom died in infancy. Those living are: Orrange, now of Fall River, Kansas; Darwin, of Muscatine, Iowa; Edith, now Mrs. John Taylor of Muscatine county; Charles; Harry L., our subject; and Grace, the wife of G. O. Day, a farmer of Sweetland township.

Harry L. Romig was reared under the favoring conditions of a happy home and was reared upon his father's farm, attending the district schools and assisting in farm work on Saturday and during vacations. After laying aside his books he became identified with the active management of the homestead on which he has ever since lived, with the exception of eight months when he was engaged with a brother in the hardware business. He makes his home with his mother and carries on general farming, also for fifteen years past specializing as a breeder of Poland China hogs, in which he has built up a very lucrative business. Stock from his farm are called for from many directions and are sold throughout the state. He is recognized as a man of fine business ability and a successful farmer. Socially he is identified with the Grange and politically gives his support to the republican party.

CHARLES C. HAGERMANN.

Among the younger business men of Muscatine may be named Charles C. Hagermann, who has attained an enviable reputation by his energy and ability as a manufacturer. He is a native of Muscatine, born January 17, 1876, and is a son of Henry and Rosina Hagermann, both of whom were born in Germany. The father was a broom manufacturer and, seeking to improve his circumstances, came to America, first settling at Baltimore, but later came to Muscatine, where he is still living. After engaging for some years in the manufacture of brooms in this city he turned his attention to the manufacture of brick, attaining a good deal of success in that line. He and his wife are members of the German Methodist church. The grandfather of our subject on the paternal side was Henry Hagermann, also an early settler of Muscatine and a broom-maker by trade. He was killed by a railway train in 1888. His large family included William, Henry, Carl, Sophia, Lena and Louisa. There were nine children in the household in which our subject was reared: Henry, deceased; Otto, of Muscatine; Louis, of Memphis, Tennessee; William, deceased; Charles C., our subject; Edward, of Muscatine; Nellie, the wife of Andrew Schultz, of Muscatine; Lena, now Mrs. Harry Cooper, of Muscatine; and Anna, at home.

Charles C. Hagermann was reared in Muscatine and educated in the public and high schools of this city. As he grew up he was taught to work and assisted in a brickyard part of the day and on Saturdays while attending school. Later he learned the button-making trade and was a button cutter for several years, finally establishing a button blank factory in connection with W. F. Bishop, the firm becoming Bishop & Hagermann. After their business had become well established they admitted F. C. Vetter as a partner in a new organization, entitled the Hawkeye Pearl Button Company, of which Mr. Hagermann is secretary and treasurer. By good management they have built up a large

business and now have branch factories in a number of cities of the United States, giving employment to about eight hundred persons. Mr. Hagermann is also vice president and secretary of the Bishop & Hagermann Company, Inc., which is also engaged in the button business.

In 1901 Mr. Hagermann was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Bertha Hartwig, who was born in Germany and is a daughter of August Hartwig. Three children have blessed this union: Irene Pearl, who died in infancy; Verna May; and Ralph Charles.

Mr. and Mrs. Hagermann are members of the German Evangelical church. Mr. Hagermann takes a great deal of interest in municipal affairs, serving at present as chief of the fire department, which position he has filled most creditably for the past three years. He was assistant chief for four years and in the discharge of his duties as a public officer he exhibits the same interest and ability that he has displayed in his private affairs. Mr. Hagermann began at the bottom of the ladder in his business and by diligence, patience and good judgment he has won a position among his associates which usually requires many years to attain. His record is a remarkable example of the power of perseverance when it is wisely directed.

The Muscatine fire department consists of four volunteer hose companies, two hook and ladder companies and three independent hose companies, the officers being: Charles C. Hagermann, chief; Otto Elfers, first assistant; and Frank Curry, second assistant. The department has about five hundred members and the volunteer companies are as follows: Champion Hose Company No. 1, at No. 308 Sycamore street, Bert Chaudion, foreman; Rescue Hose Company, No. 2, No. 421-23 Mulberry avenue, Cleo Pitchforth, foreman; Excelsior Hose Company, No. 3, No. 404 West Third street, Jake Heusner, foreman; Relief Hose Company, No. 4, corner Bismark and Bleeker streets, Rudolph Elfers, foreman; Champion Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1, No. 308 Sycamore street, Will Tiecke, foreman; and Hershey Hook and Ladder Company, No. 2, No. 1027 Hershey avenue, Albert Latham, foreman. The independent companies are as follows: Roach & Musser Company, No. 208 Hanover street, Ed Nolte, foreman; Huttig Hose Company, No. 209 Oak street, Milo Rittenhouse, foreman; and Kaiser Hose Company, No. 101 Stewart road, Henry Umlandt, foreman.

GEORGE R. LEFFINGWELL.

Few men in the west have seen more of human nature as witnessed in the mountains and mining camps than George R. Leffingwell, of Muscatine, who is now living retired at his pleasant home at 311 East Sixth street, where in company with his estimable wife he enjoys the comforts and luxuries of life after many years of activity. He was born in Sag Harbor, New York, November 7, 1837, and is a son of William and Frances Ross (Lee) Leffingwell, both of whom were born in Connecticut. The father became a shipbuilder in the city of New York and there accumulated considerable property. However, in 1839 he yielded

to a desire to participate in the development of the great west and came to Bloomington, now Muscatine, Iowa, settling at Hudson in Wapsinonoc township, Muscatine county, where he purchased a farm. Six years later he located in Muscatine and filled the office of county treasurer, later becoming mayor of the city. He died here in 1876 at the age of seventy-six years, having become recognized as one of the leading men of the county. His wife departed this life in 1885 at the age of eighty-four years. Both were members of the Episcopal church. There were six children in their family, three sons and three daughters, all of whom are deceased except the youngest, who is the subject of this review, the other members of the family being: William Edward; Ellen B., who married Dr. Henry Murray; Elizabeth, who was three times married, her husbands being successively James Palmer, W. F. Davis and William E. Gould; Mary, who became the wife of James Foushee; and Andrew Jackson, who was judge of the district court at Muscatine at the time of his death.

George R. Leffingwell was two years old when he arrived in Muscatine with his parents. He grew up under the influence of a good home and about the time he was ready to begin his business career became attracted by the stories of great wealth in the gold mines of Colorado and started overland with a party from Muscatine county bound for Pikes Peak. When within about two hundred miles of Denver the gold hunters lost one of their number, Henry Mull, and this had quite a depressing effect so that when they met great throngs of men returning from the mines in a much worse condition financially than when they entered the mountains the little party unanimously decided to do likewise and turned their faces eastward, feeling that their destiny could more easily be worked out in some other business than mining. In 1860 Mr. Leffingwell gathered courage and made a second trip to the mountains, being the only one of the original party that did so. After reaching the mines he found that they possessed a great fascination for him and altogether he spent twenty-two years in various mining camps, in the course of which time he made three trips to Alaska when mining was in its infancy in that region. He was in the Black Hills when news came of the death of his father and he immediately returned home, remaining with his mother until she was called away. Here he acted as shipping clerk and also in other capacities in wholesale grocery establishments and was for five years connected with J. M. Gobble. Previous to retiring from active life he served as deputy United States marshal and in all of his duties displayed a judgment and energy which met the hearty approval of all.

On the 21st of December, 1882, Mr. Leffingwell was united in marriage to Miss Anna Mary Eversmeyer, a daughter of Bernard H. and Magdalena (Kuechmann) Eversmeyer, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Mrs. Leffingwell was born and reared in Muscatine and was educated in the public and high schools, later graduating from Snively's Business College. After leaving this institution she kept books for the Muscatine Manufacturing Company for several years and also in her father's office, with which she was connected at the time of her marriage. Being a woman of unusual intellectual activity, she took up a few years ago the study of psychology and suggestive therapeutics and graduated in osteopathy from the S. S. Still College of Des Moines, Iowa, in 1905. Upon receiving her diploma she began practice in Mus-

catine, where she has attracted a large patronage and is recognized as one of the most competent practitioners of the osteopathic school in this part of the state. She was reared in the German Methodist church but is not identified with any religious denomination.

Mr. Leffingwell is prominently connected with the Masonic order, belonging to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M. He and his wife hold membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. Politically he is in sympathy with the candidates and principles of the democratic party. His wife has proven to him a most worthy helpmeet and they have a host of friends and acquaintances in Muscatine, who have been attracted by their genial qualities.

RUDOLPH J. ALTEKRUSE.

Rudolph J. Altekruise, a leading farmer of Lake and Seventy-six townships, who is now residing in a comfortable home at 214 West Seventh street, Muscatine, was born in this county, June 1, 1840. He is a son of Rudolph and Sophia (Vordermark) Altekruise, both of whom were natives of Germany. They were married in their native land and immediately afterward started for America, making the voyage in a sailing vessel which was twelve weeks on the ocean, having encountered a very severe storm. They landed in Baltimore, remaining there for four years. They arrived in Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1840, and located in Seventy-six township, upon land which is now owned by the subject of this review. The father was a good farmer and followed that occupation until 1890, when he passed away. His faithful companion departed this life the same year. They were eight children in the family, four of whom grew to maturity, but only two are now living, our subject and his brother, H. H. Altekruise.

Rudolph J. Altekruise was educated in the public schools and was reared on the home farm, where under his father he became thoroughly familiar with the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. For nearly fifty years he continued upon the farm where he was born and became known as one of the successful men in the community. He removed to Muscatine in 1907 but still owns his farm of four hundred and twenty-seven acres, which is one of the finest properties in the county. He also owns the residence in which he lives in Muscatine.

On the 5th of January, 1876, Mr. Altekruise was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. White, a native of Johnson county, Iowa, and a daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Hawkins) White. The father was born in Pennsylvania and the mother in New Jersey. They were married in the latter state and came west, locating in Johnson county, Iowa. Mr. White was a wool carder in the east but after coming to Iowa devoted his attention to farming. There were nine children in the family. Mrs. Altekruise received her preliminary education in the district schools but later attended the high school at Muscatine. She is a lady of many excellent traits of mind and heart. To Mr. and Mrs. Altekruise five chil-

dren have been born: Rosella May, the wife of Walter Shellabarger, of Cedar township, Muscatine county; Mary Alice, now Mrs. Milton R. Waltz, of Lake township; Ida Olive, the wife of Rev. D. M. Scott, a Presbyterian minister now stationed at Rochelle, Illinois; Samuel C., living on his father's farm; and Clark C.

Mr. Altekruse is known as one of the substantial men of Muscatine county, being recognized as "a man of his word" and one who never deserts a friend. He came of good Teutonic stock and many of his traits of character are those which have made the sons of Germany famous throughout the world. Politically he is independent and votes for the man regardless of his party. He has not sought office but for nine years consecutively served as trustee and clerk, performing his duties in such a way as to meet the hearty approval of the taxpayers. He and his wife are earnest members of the First Baptist church of Muscatine and are firm believers in the inspiration and authority of holy writ.

JOHN S. GARNES.

John S. Garnes, an enterprising citizen of Muscatine county and the owner of a well improved farm in Fruitland township, was born on the homestead where he now resides, July 19, 1856. He is a son of John W. Garnes, for many years prominently identified with the farming interests of this county, who was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1819, and died in Muscatine county in 1901, at the age of eighty-one years. He came to Muscatine county in 1854, and after making his home for a time in Bloomington township, settled on Muscatine Island, where he spent the remainder of his life, extending over a period of forty-six years. He was an industrious man of good judgment and became the owner of two hundred acres of land. A stanch friend of education, he served for many years as school trustee, and was also an active member of the United Brethren church. Originally a whig, he became a republican and was a great admirer of the principles of that party. The mother of our subject was Sarah L. Shammo before her marriage, daughter of John and Mary Shammo, of Pennsylvania. There were three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Garnes, the subject of this review being the youngest. Sadie E. and Ella R. were both married and are now deceased.

John S. Garnes received his early education in the district schools of Muscatine county and later entered the Eastern Iowa Normal School, where he pursued a business course, which in later years proved of great advantage to him in conducting his affairs. Returning home, he assisted in the work of the farm until twenty-one years of age, when he entered into partnership with his father, this relationship continuing until the death of the latter, since which time our subject has farmed on his own account. He now owns three hundred and ninety acres in Muscatine county. Having as a boy become thoroughly acquainted with farm management, his affairs have been ably conducted, and he is enjoying at the present time the result of many years of well directed applica-

tion. He raises good grades of stock, and the orderly appearance of his place indicates that it receives careful attention.

In 1880, Mr. Garnes was united in marriage to Miss Alice M. Shepard, whose father was a native of Massachusetts but removed to Kansas where he continued until his death. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Garnes: Howard S., who married Jessie Blanck, a daughter of John and Amanda Cornelia Blanck, of Muscatine county, and is the mother of two children: Cornelia, and Howard Leslie; John W., who married Ola, a daughter of Ely Summers, of Muscatine; Maud, who died at the age of twenty-two years; Edith and Sadie.

Mr. Garnes is a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, with whose fraternal principles he is in hearty accord. He gives his support to the republican party and has held a number of offices of trust, serving as township assessor, township trustee and school director. For more than fifty years he has been a resident of Muscatine county and in that time he has witnessed many changes, keeping step himself with the march of progress, so that today he ranks among the representative farmers of the county. His success has been won by industry and perseverance under the direction of a sound judgment, making him recognized as one of the substantial men of the community.

ELIJAH BAKER.

Among the successful citizens of Muscatine is Elijah Baker, a man whose career is a remarkable exemplification of the effect of courage based on good judgment and executive ability. He was born in Rockingham, Virginia, June 8, 1842, and is a son of Elijah and Lucinda (McCloud) Baker. The father, who was also a native of Rockingham, came to Muscatine, Iowa, in the spring of 1866 and lived upon a farm until his death, which occurred in 1872. The grandfather of our subject was of English descent. He had a brother who was in the Revolutionary war and in battle was scalped by an Indian. When found he was lying with his face to the ground, having with great presence of mind kept perfectly still, and he thus escaped with his life. The great-grandfather was an English sailor. The mother of our subject was of Scotch descent. She was born in Virginia and died in Muscatine county in 1872, the same year in which her husband passed away. They were both buried in Greenwood cemetery. There were seven children in their family: Joseph, John and Samuel, all deceased; R. M., a resident of California; Margaret, who became the wife of John Dougherty and is now deceased; William, deceased; and Elijah, our subject.

Elijah Baker was educated in Virginia and at nineteen years of age enlisted April 18, 1861, in a volunteer company. He first served under General Stonewall Jackson, being a member of the Tenth Virginia Regiment of Volunteers, which he joined for one year. During this period he became convinced that the Union should be preserved and that it was his duty to assist in upholding the stars and stripes. Accordingly, he came north and assisted in raising Company M, Twelfth Ohio Volunteers, of which he was appointed drill master.

Later he was made first duty sergeant and after he had still further demonstrated his capacity as a soldier he was commissioned as second lieutenant of his company. His regiment assisted in terminating guerrilla warfare in Kentucky and in driving Morgan out of the field. He participated in the battles of King Salt Works, or Abingdon, Virginia, Mount Sterling and Leesburg, Kentucky, being wounded in the leg at the latter place. Upon recovering from his wound he went to east Tennessee and to Virginia, engaging for three months in almost continuous fighting. He continued in the service until after the war was over and was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, November 14, 1865. In 1866 Mr. Baker came to muscatine and devoted his attention for a time to farming but later engaged as contractor in building and in brick paving. In this work he has been highly successful and is the owner of four farms in Muscatine county, a section of land in Kansas and thirty-five houses in Muscatine.

On the 19th of November, 1872, Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Carrie H. Sumner, a native of Virginia. Five children came to bless their home, three of whom are living, Eva, Guy and Cora. Guy lives near Nichols, Iowa. The mother of these children having departed this life July 6, 1908, Mr. Baker was married September 30, 1909, the lady of his choice being Miss Lydia Ditmars, a daughter of William and Mary Ditmars, of New York.

Mr. Baker voted for Abraham Lincoln for president in 1864 and for General U. S. Grant in 1872, but many years ago he changed his political allegiance and gave his support to the democratic party, to which he now adheres. He has never sought public office but he served with great acceptance as city marshal of Muscatine for three years. Socially he is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is one of the few men living who participated on both sides in the Civil war and, notwithstanding frequent exposure in battle, came out of the conflict without serious injury. No man is better convinced of the justice of the result of that great event than he and none is a better friend of peace. He knows the horrors of war and he has tasted of the blessings of peace. Whether as soldier or citizen Mr. Baker has always attempted to perform his duty. He has a host of friends who have been attracted to him on account of his manly qualities.

ARTHUR J. WEAVER, M. D.

No record of Muscatine county would be complete without adequate mention of the services of Dr. Arthur J. Weaver, for fourteen years past in active practice in Muscatine. Adapted by natural ability and professional training for the vocation to which he is devoting the best years of his life, he has attained deserved success. He was born in Muscatine county, July 27, 1865, and is a son of John and Joanna (Cole) Weaver, the former a native of Northampton county, Pennsylvania, and the latter of the state of New Jersey. The father, who learned the miller's trade, came to Iowa in 1854 and for several years operated a mill for Henry Funck. Having acquired the necessary capital, he purchased

a farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Cedar township, which he cultivated with an energy and ability that produced very satisfactory returns. He was a defender of the Union at the time of the Civil war and served for three years in Company F, Thirty-fifth Iowa Infantry. He is still living at the age of eighty-three years, and his beloved wife has reached the age of seventy-nine years. Both have long been members of the United Brethren in Christ church. Frederick Weaver, the paternal grandfather of our subject, was also a native of Pennsylvania. He removed to Michigan and there lived until he was called away when he was upwards of eighty years of age. There were eleven children in his family: Enos, Harrison, Sylvanus, Michael, Theodore, John, Peter, Caroline, Irene, Katie and Susan. The maternal grandfather was Robert Cole, of New Jersey. Three children constituted his family: Matthew, Sarah and Joanna. Unto John and Joanna Weaver the following children were born: Sarah, who became the wife of Joseph F. Parsons and is now deceased; Susan, deceased; Sylvanus F., deceased; Martha E., the wife of George F. Stretch, of Newburg, Oregon; Fannie L., now Mrs. Charles Messick, of Monument, Kansas; Arthur J., our subject; Minnie E. and Ervin, twins, the former now the wife of H. W. Vincent, of Letts, Iowa, and the latter who died at the age of three years; and Isia C., the wife of J. M. Sipe, of Chicago.

Arthur J. Weaver was reared on his father's farm and attended the district schools of the neighborhood, later becoming a student at Western College, Toledo, Iowa. After leaving college he taught school for some years, becoming principal of the high school of Conesville, Iowa. After leaving school he studied pharmacy and in 1886 embarked in the drug business at Letts, Iowa, also serving as deputy postmaster for three years under President Cleveland and as postmaster under President Harrison, serving altogether over seven years. In 1892 he sold his drug business and commenced the study of medicine. In 1895 he was graduated with the degree of M. D. from the Bennett Medical College of Chicago, receiving, upon competitive examination, an appointment as interne in Cook County Hospital, graduating from that celebrated institution in 1897. In the course of his preparation for the practice of medicine he came into contact with many of the greatest teachers and practitioners of the country and at the hospital he possessed advantages of practical application in medicine and surgery which prepared him very thoroughly for his life work. Since July, 1897, he has engaged in active practice at Muscatine and has been eminently successful. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Iowa State Medical Society and the Muscatine County Medical Society. He is also a member of the Surgeons Club of Rochester, Minnesota. In connection with Dr. J. L. Klein he was instrumental in the establishment of the Bellevue Hospital at Muscatine, of which he and his associate are owners. In June, 1910, a class of five nurses was graduated from its training school. Dr. Weaver was also one of the organizers of the Hershey Memorial Hospital, which was the first one founded in the city.

On the 24th of October, 1888, Dr. Weaver was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude L. Small, who was born in Letts, a daughter of Horatio L. and Louisa (Williams) Small. The father was a native of Maine and the mother of New York state. They were early settlers of Letts and are still living. Six chil-

dren comprised their family: Martha, who became the wife of George W. Wagner, both of whom are now deceased; Hattie F., now Mrs. F. H. McDaniel, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Gertrude L., now Mrs. Weaver; James G., of Letts; Mamie E., the wife of A. W. Morgan, of Muscatine; and one who died in infancy. Dr. and Mrs. Weaver are the parents of one daughter, Ida Mae.

Dr. Weaver is a member of Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; Webb Council, No. 18; Zarephath Consistory, No. 4; and De Molay Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar. Politically he is identified with the republican party and, being a public-spirited citizen, is recognized as one of the potent factors in the upbuilding of Muscatine. No practitioner in eastern Iowa stands higher among his brethren of the profession than Dr. Weaver and he has in Muscatine a host of friends who esteem him for his many noble qualities.

JOHN EADE.

For nearly forty years in successful practice as veterinarian, Dr. John Eade, of Muscatine, has gained an enviable reputation and is known as one of the leaders in his profession in Iowa. He comes by his talents naturally as his father was a veterinary surgeon and a man of marked ability. The subject of this review was born in Cornwall, England, February 14, 1847, and is a son of James and Joanna (Laty) Eade, who were also natives of Cornwall. The father studied veterinary surgery at one of the great schools in London, England, and came to America in 1850, settling at Hazel Green, Grant county, Wisconsin. He practiced at Hazel Green, Mineral Point and other places in Wisconsin, later coming to Muscatine, where he departed this life at the age of eighty-four years. His wife died in 1861 when she was about forty years of age. She was a member of the Methodist church, while he was a staunch Episcopalian. James Eade, the paternal grandfather, was captain of a coal mine in England. The maternal grandfather was a farmer of England and he and his wife both died in that country. To Dr. James and Joanna Eade six children were born, all of whom are now deceased except our subject.

John Eade came with his parents to this country when he was three years of age and received his preliminary education in the public schools. At the age of seventeen, just as he was about to begin his business career, the armies of the north and south began to gather for deadly combat and John Eade enlisted in the Fifty-seventh Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving until the close of the war, when he received his honorable discharge. He was always at his post of duty and proved to be a brave and faithful soldier. After receiving his discharge he began the practice of veterinary surgery, having learned the art from his father in earlier years while attending school. He just grew into the profession of veterinary surgery. He practiced in Grant and Lafayette counties, Wisconsin, and later in Jo Daviess county, Illinois, but in 1872 was attracted west of the Mississippi river, living for two years at Onawa, and in 1874 came to Muscatine, where he has since continued. Here he has built up a large patronage and is known over a wide region as an authority on veterinary matters.

On the 8th of November, 1876, Dr. Eade was united in marriage to Miss Ella Harrison, a daughter of Francis and Mary (Meadows) Harrison. She is a native of Jones county, North Carolina, born February 28, 1848. Her father and mother were both born in North Carolina and came to Iowa in 1856, settling in Louisa county, where the father departed this life in 1861, aged fifty-nine years. Mrs. Harrison lived to the advanced age of eighty-four years. Both were Methodists. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Eade was Ephraim Harrison, a farmer, and his wife was Polly Conner, a native of Ireland. There were two children in their family, Francis and Phoebe. Five children constituted the family of the maternal grandfather, four of whom were Mary, Louisa, Helen and George. Two children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Eade: John L., who married Millie Standhope and is now engaged in mining near Georgetown, Colorado; and Mary L., who married Harry H. Othmer, of Muscatine, and is the mother of two children, Murray E. and Raymond Harry.

Politically Dr. Eade is in sympathy with the principles of the republican party and fraternally he is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic. He proved his patriotism at a time when the practical demonstration of his loyalty meant a place of danger on the battlefield, and through life he has been governed by the same principles of fidelity to right by which he was then animated. He represents the best class of American citizenship and is an upright and high-minded gentleman. It is an honor to be known as his friend. Hence, he worthily occupies a high place in the estimation of the people of Muscatine county.

GEORGE W. PECK.

There is an interest attached to a family homestead which the ordinary home does not possess. It is largely on this account perhaps that George W. Peck greatly treasures the farm in Cedar township, Muscatine county, upon which his father settled many years ago and which the son still retains. He was born in Ohio, August 18, 1844, his parents being David and Elizabeth (Wagner) Peck, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Ohio. They were married in the Buckeye state and came to Iowa in 1857, taking up their home in Seventy-six township, Muscatine county. Here David Peck engaged in farming until 1870, when he sold out and purchased land in Cedar township, which became the family homestead. The mother departed this life in 1860, three years after her arrival in Iowa. The father continued in the active pursuit of his life work until seventy-five years of age, when he was called away. He was a representative of the sturdy pioneer type and attained deserved success in his chosen calling. In his family were six children: John F.; Margaret A., the wife of Gottlieb Schuler; George W., our subject; Sarah E., now Mrs. Charles Hadley; Mary E., who became the wife of Oran Lee and is now deceased; and Emma J., the wife of Oran Lee.

George W. Peck was reared upon the home farm and under his father was thoroughly trained in agriculture and also in the details of stock-raising and

marketing. He attended the district school and acquired the foundation of an education which he has since greatly extended by reading and observation. After reaching manhood he devoted his entire attention to the home farm, continuing thereon after the death of his father in 1885. He purchased the interests of the other heirs and has rented the farm, which comprises eighty acres, since 1890, leaving the labor of cultivation to younger hands. As a general farmer Mr. Peck years ago secured a handsome annual income and he is recognized as one of the prosperous citizens of the community.

Politically he has been identified with the democratic party ever since he reached voting age and has served to the general satisfaction of the tax-payers as assessor of the township. He is not affiliated with any religious denomination, although his parents were members of the Methodist church. Mr. Peck is recognized as a citizen who may always be depended upon to do as he promises and one who possesses many excellent traits of character. For more than fifty years he has been a resident of Iowa and he has a host of friends in Muscatine county who respect him for his upright life.

GEORGE W. BLACK.

The owner of three productive farms and thoroughly qualified by experience and ability to conduct successfully several lines of business, George W. Black, of Goshen township, has shown unusual capacity as a man of affairs. He succeeds in anything he undertakes because he devotes to it the energy and judgment necessary for success.

Born in Muscatine county, January 30, 1859, he is a son of Arthur and Adaline M. (Anderson) Black, the former of whom was a native of Kentucky and the latter of Loudoun county, Virginia. They were married in Iowa City, January 18, 1853, and immediately afterward the father entered one hundred and sixty acres of land in Muscatine county, upon which he took up his residence, continuing there until his death, which occurred March 22, 1891. He was a resourceful man of laudable ambition and marked ability, and became the owner of three hundred and twenty acres in this county. The mother was called away January 24, 1893. There were four children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Black: Marcella, who died at the age of nine years; James C., now living retired at West Liberty; George W., the subject of this review; and Margaret J., now the wife of L. R. Moore, of Muscatine, Iowa.

George W. Black received his early education in the district schools and under the direction of his father became thoroughly familiar with the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. After arriving at manhood he continued as manager upon the home farm and engaged quite extensively in feeding and shipping stock. He continued to live upon the family homestead after his marriage, owning a half interest in the farm until 1897, when he took charge of a grain elevator at Atalissa, operating it with a high degree of success for ten years. However, he continued even more extensively in the occupation to which he had been reared, and about 1907 he purchased one hundred and twenty-four acres



MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR BLACK

of land where he now lives. He is the owner of four hundred and sixteen acres in Muscatine and Cedar counties, a large part of which has been brought to a high degree of cultivation, so that he is enabled to secure the best results from his work. He is also identified with other interests and has been president of the Atalissa Savings Bank ever since its organization.

On the 20th of September, 1899, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Margaret T. Moylan, who was born in Muscatine county, February 7, 1878, a daughter of Edward and Anna (Fitzpatrick) Moylan. The father was a native of Ireland and the mother of Cedar county, Iowa. They were married in Iowa City and are now living upon a farm of one hundred and fifty acres near that place. Mr. Moylan is a veteran of the Civil war, having served most creditably in the Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteers. In his family were ten children: William Joseph, now engaged in the mercantile business at Muscatine; Minnie Helen, who is the wife of Thomas McCarthy, a hotel keeper of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; James, a resident of West Liberty; Margaret T., now Mrs. George W. Black; Frank J., also of West Liberty; Bessie, who died at the age of nineteen years and six months; and Henry A., Alice, Ralph P. and Gertrude, all of whom are living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Black have become the parents of two children: Helen A., born July 10, 1900; and Anna Elizabeth, born November 22, 1908.

Mr. Black is not identified with any religious denomination, but his wife is a valued member of the Catholic church. Politically he gives his earnest support to the democratic party and the esteem in which he is held by his neighbors is indicated by the fact that he served as mayor of Atalissa for six years. Socially he is a strong factor in the community and fraternally he is identified with the Masonic lodge at Atalissa. A man of clear perception, great energy and of sound judgment, he has gained leadership through his own innate business talents, and his example has been a powerful incentive to younger men. Few residents of Muscatine county understand the possibilities of this part of the state any better than he and in the estimation of his friends the future holds for him greater rewards than any he has yet gained.

IRVIN S. PEPPER.

While the growth and development of Iowa in the last half century has been most marvelous viewed from any standpoint, there is no one class of her citizens of which she has greater reason for just pride than her judges and attorneys. In Irvin S. Pepper are found united many of the rare qualities which go to make up a successful lawyer and jurist. He possesses, perhaps, few of those brilliant, dazzling, meteoric qualities which have sometimes flashed along the legal horizon, riveting the gaze and blinding the vision for the moment, then disappearing, leaving little or no trace behind, but rather has those solid and more substantial qualities which shine with a constant luster, shedding light in the dark places with steadiness and continuity. He has in an eminent degree the rare ability of saying in a convincing way the right thing at the right time, and his mind is analytical, logical and inductive.

He has recently completed two terms' service as county attorney and retired from the office as he had entered it—with the confidence and good-will of all concerned.

Mr. Pepper is a native of Davis county, Iowa, born June 10, 1876. His parents, John and Mary (Prettyman) Pepper, were natives of Ohio and Illinois respectively. The father was a son of John Pepper, who was born in Ohio but was of German descent. He followed the occupation of farming and in 1851 removed to Appanoose county, Iowa, where he died when more than eighty years of age. Unto Mr. and Mrs. John Pepper, Sr., there were born eleven children, including Henry, George, Walter, Martha, Margaret, Mary, Ann and John. The maternal grandfather of Irvin S. Pepper was Lewis Prettyman, who was a native of Delaware and of Scotch and English lineage. He, too, followed the occupation of farming as a life work and at the time of the second war with England enlisted for active duty as a soldier. He married a Miss Mason, who afterward removed westward with his family to Tazewell county, Illinois, settling near Pekin, where he died when nearly ninety years of age. Unto him and his wife were born five children, including Mary E. Prettyman, who gave her hand in marriage to John Pepper, Jr. The father was a farmer throughout his entire life. The year 1851 witnessed his arrival in Iowa, at which time he settled in Appanoose county. For a long period he continued to engage in the tilling of the soil but is now located at Ottumwa, where he has lived retired for the past ten years. His wife, who is now deceased, was a member of the Methodist church and he attends its services. In their family were nine children: Myra, the wife of Frank Weller, of Mitchell, South Dakota; Ben S., of Ottumwa, Iowa; Hattie, wife of Frank Minthorn, of Woodville, Oregon; Alice, the widow of M. M. Harbaugh, of Kansas City, Missouri; Edward L., of Milton, Kansas; Nell P., the widow of Mauritz Liden, of Goldfield, Iowa; Dr. John L., also of Goldfield; Bertha E., who wedded O. W. Pratt, of Kansas City, Missouri; and Irvin S., of this review.

The last named was reared upon a farm in his native county and at the usual age began his education as a pupil in the country schools. Subsequently he attended the Southern Iowa Normal College at Bloomfield, from which he was graduated in 1897. He then taught school for five years in Muscatine county and subsequently went to Washington, D. C., as private secretary to Judge Wade, with whom he was thus associated for two years. While in the national capital he studied law in the George Washington University and was graduated with the class of 1905, being president of his class during his senior year. The same year he was admitted to practice in the courts of Iowa and has since followed his profession in Muscatine. He at first became a partner in the firm of Carskadden, Burk & Pepper, an association which was maintained until the death of Mr. Burk, since which time the partnership has been continued under the firm style of Carskadden & Pepper. In 1906 Mr. Pepper was elected to the office of county attorney and in the fall of 1908 was re-elected for a two years' term. In June, 1910, he received the nomination of the democratic party for congress in the second congressional district and was elected by a large majority over his opponent, Charles Griik, of Davenport,

and is now in attendance upon his duties at the national capital. He is regarded as one of the leaders of his party in this locality, his opinions carrying weight in its councils. Fraternally he is connected with Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T. He likewise belongs to Eagle Lodge, No. 10, A. O. U. W., and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. A social, genial nature wins him many friends but he never allows outside interests to interfere with the duties of his profession. His practice is now extensive and of an important character and with thorough grasp of the law and ability to accurately apply its principles, he has become an effective advocate and safe counselor.

WILHELM GROSSKLAUS.

Wilhelm Grossklaus has been for twenty-eight years a resident of Muscatine and for twenty years one of its active business men. Through perseverance and wisely applied industry he has won an enviable position among his fellow-men, as is indicated by his appointment a year ago by the city council as mayor of the city. He is a native of Brandenburg, Germany, his birth having occurred October 2, 1860, and is a son of Wilhelm and Wilhelmina (Schultz) Grossklaus, also natives of Germany. The father, who was a contractor, died in his native land in 1881, at the age of fifty-three years. The mother departed this life in 1891 at the age of sixty-two years. They were both members of the Lutheran church, the head of the family being a man of influence in the community and one who took a great interest in education, serving in various school offices. The grandparents of our subject on the paternal side reared a family of six children, Wilhelm, Carl, Fred, August, Wilhelmina and Minnie, while the children of the maternal grandparents were Fred, August, Wilhelm and Wilhelmina. Unto Wilhelm and Wilhelmina Grossklaus, the parents of our subject, seven children were born, five of whom are now living: Paul, of Muscatine; Fred, of Berlin, Germany; Helen, now Mrs. Adolph Schultz, of Templin, Germany; Frederica, the wife of Adolph Lipke, of Darrgesdorf, Germany; and Wilhelm.

Wilhelm Grossklaus, Jr., was reared under the parental roof and received a good common-school education in his native city. In 1882, being then twenty-two years of age and ambitious to advance in life, he came to Muscatine, where he worked at brick-laying and attended school in the evening in order to learn the English language. In 1890 he began doing contract work and has ever since engaged as a mason contractor. He has built some of the largest and finest structures in the city, among which may be named the high school building, the public library and the Young Men's Christian Association building, and has also erected many handsome private residences, gaining a reputation as one of the responsible contractors in this part of the state. He is the owner of a farm of four hundred and forty acres in Rock Island county, Illinois, and of two hundred and twenty acres in Lyman county, South Dakota, and recently sold a farm of two hundred and ten acres in Muscatine county. He owns the

handsome home in which he lives, at No. 1115 Iowa avenue, and other city property, and is president of the Model Button Factory, which gives employment to more than fifty persons.

On the 26th of November, 1883, at Muscatine, Mr. Grossklaus was united in marriage to Miss Augusta Blazing, a daughter of August Blazing. Mrs. Grossklaus was born in Germany and came to America with her mother and two brothers, John and Wilhelm, after the death of her father. The other members of the family were Frank, August and Wilhelmina. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Grossklaus six children have been born: Frank, who is a brick-layer and lives in Muscatine; Ima, who died at the age of ten months; Helen, now the wife of George Ebling, of Moline, Illinois; and Elsie, Wilhelm and Mildred, who are at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Grossklaus are firm believers in the authority of the Bible and are valued members of the Lutheran church, contributing liberally toward the support of that organization. Fraternally he is identified with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a supporter of the democratic party and for one year served as alderman of the second ward, making a highly creditable record. In 1909 he was appointed by the city council as mayor of the city for a period of one year. He has always made it a principle of his life to do well whatever he undertakes. Consequently he became a first class workman at the very beginning of his business career and his success as a contractor has been due in a large measure to his thorough knowledge of all the details of construction. As a citizen he is progressive and public-spirited and believes in applying the same ideas in public affairs that accomplish success in business. He is a lover of his family and his home and is never happier than when he is at his own fireside or entertaining friends at his hospitable board. Beginning as a poor boy, he has won his way to the front and earned a position as one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Muscatine.

BERT C. BENHAM.

Bert C. Benham, assistant cashier of the First Trust & Savings Bank, of Muscatine, Iowa, was born in this city, December 5, 1871, and has always made his home here except several years in early life, when the family resided in St. Louis, Missouri. He is the son of Milford and Ann (Smith) Benham, who were residents of Versailles, the county seat of Ripley county, Indiana.

Milford Benham was born near Versailles, November 5, 1835, and for years was the proprietor and editor of the Versailles Despatch, a newspaper of that city. Later he became the proprietor of a drug store at the same place. He removed to Muscatine, April 15, 1865, and has made this city his home. For several years he engaged in farming in Wilton township, in addition to conducting his agricultural implement business in this city. He always was interested in public affairs and served for years on the city council as well as a member of and the president of the city board of education. His wife was

also born at Versailles, Indiana, March 3, 1838, and there made her home till failing health required a change of climate when the family removed to their new home in Iowa. She was a woman of many excellent qualities, devoted to her home and family, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. She departed this life March 5, 1904, aged sixty-six years and two days.

James Benham, the paternal grandfather, was of a Virginia family, born February 26, 1810, and always resided on his home farm at Benham, Indiana. He was married to Miss Mary Elless, who was born February 19, 1816, and they spent their entire lifetime at the old family home. Mrs. Benham was one of the oldest settlers of that county, having gone with her parents from Kentucky on horseback, and in the fall of the year having been driven back to Kentucky by an Indian raid in the central part of the state. She returned to Indiana in the spring of 1819 and lived on the same farm till her death July 2, 1909. They had thirteen children of whom Milford was the oldest.

The maternal grandfather of our subject was John Wesley Smith a native of Dutchess county, New York, born on the Hudson, October 1, 1806. He was from an old New York family who settled at Versailles and took lots at the original platting of that county seat, and there lived until his early death November 17, 1853. He was proprietor of a drug and general store there during his entire lifetime. He was married to Mary McCleary Kennedy, who was born in Girard county, Tennessee, March 7, 1810, and whose father removed to Indiana when the tide of immigration set in to the north. She was the daughter of Robert Kennedy, whose father and family were driven from Ireland after one of the late uprisings against the English rule. She died at Muscatine, Iowa, November 20, 1889. The following children of her family grew to maturity: Captain Robert Kennedy Smith, of the Twenty-Second Indiana Infantry, who was killed leading his company in the battle of Perryville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862; Ann Smith, deceased, who was the mother of the subject of this sketch; and Dr. Cal W. Smith, a physician now residing in Muscatine.

To Milford and Ann Benham six children were born, of whom Louis and William died in early life. Four are now living, namely: R. F., of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume; J. M. Benham, of Muscatine; Bert C.; and Ettie M., now Mrs. C. S. Guthrie.

Bert C. Benham was educated in the public schools and was graduated from the high school, June 7, 1889. He began his business career by assisting his father in the implement business until appointed deputy in the county auditor's office, where he served five years or until elected auditor by the board of supervisors in June, 1894. That fall he became a candidate for state auditor on the democratic ticket but failed of election as the entire ticket was defeated at the polls. He was elected city clerk March 16, 1896, and re-elected and served seven terms in that position, resigning in the fall of 1902 to accept a position with the old Cook, Musser & Company bank. In June, 1904, he was appointed teller of the Muscatine Savings Bank and is now acting as assistant cashier of the First Trust & Savings Bank of this city.

On October 3, 1894, Mr. Benham was united in marriage to Miss Emma R. Rickard, a teacher in the city schools. She was born in Muscatine, March

6, 1872, and was graduated from the Muscatine high school in 1890, the year following her husband and with whom she was a lifelong schoolmate. She is a daughter of W. H. H. and Elizabeth (Schmidt) Rickard. Three children were born to them: Owen F., now of Oakland, California; Charles F., of Denver; and Emma R. To Mr. and Mrs. Benham one child was born, Ann Elizabeth Benham, on February 10, 1907, now in the fifth year of her age.

Mr. Benham is a member of Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; and of Webb Council, No. 18, R. & S. M. He and his wife are members of the Eastern Star and also of the Trinity Episcopal church of Muscatine, of which latter Mr. Benham is a member of the vestry. He has spent practically his entire life in this city and has shown an aptitude for accounting, which he has chosen as a life work and in which he has been successful.

THOMAS J. MANNING.

Thomas J. Manning, who is the owner of a farm of one hundred and sixty acres on section 25, Cedar township, owes his success to his own good management and the active cooperation of his estimable wife who has for thirty years been to him a constant inspiration. Born in Indiana, April 24, 1847, he is a son of Daniel and Hannah Ann (Jones) Manning. The father was a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Delaware. They were married in Indiana, where they resided for some years, but in 1855 resumed their journey westward and took up their residence on rented land in Muscatine county, Iowa. Here the mother died in 1864 and Mr. Manning subsequently went to Linn county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm, there departing this life in 1892. There were six children in the family, four of whom are now living.

Thomas J. Manning came to Muscatine county with his parents at eight years of age and received his education in the district schools of this county. When eighteen years of age he began to provide for himself by working by the month, continuing in that way for nine years, when he rented a farm which he cultivated with a goodly measure of success for fifteen years. In 1889 he purchased the farm in Cedar township upon which he now lives. In addition to cultivating cereals he raises cattle and hogs and by well applied labor and excellent management he has made all branches of his business yield substantial profits and has gained a deserved reputation as a successful farmer.

In 1876 Mr. Manning was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Jones, who was born in Ross county, Ohio, in June, 1856. She is a daughter of A. J. and Mary A. (Crute) Jones, both natives of Ohio, who came to Louisa county, Iowa, in 1865 and became identified with its farming interests. There her father died in 1891 and the mother in September, 1872. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Manning, both of whom died in infancy.

Mr. Manning since arriving at the estate of manhood has given his allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the prosperity of the country. He has for a number of years been connected with

the Odd Fellows whose teachings have found in him a worthy disciple. He and his wife are both earnest members of the United Brethren church and active workers in its behalf. Mr. Manning is greatly interested in the religious training of the young and is now superintendent of the Sunday school. He and his wife may always be depended upon to perform their part in forwarding any cause that is essential to the permanent welfare of the community.

WILLIAM S. HUNTER.

The beneficial results of well applied industry are strikingly illustrated in the career of William S. Hunter, a prosperous citizen of Cedar township, Muscatine county, who is the owner of a fine farm of three hundred acres which he acquired through the application of an innate ability that never yielded to discouragement. A man of wide outlook and humane principles, he has contributed greatly to the comfort and happiness of those with whom he has associated and ranks today as one of the most influential members of the community. He was born at West Liberty, Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1861, and is a son of James and Eleanor Hunter, the former of Scotch and the latter of English descent. John Gordon Lane, his grandfather on the maternal side, was one of the early pioneers of Iowa. He settled on a farm a mile south of West Liberty and became one of the prominent men in that locality. The father of our subject was a carpenter by trade. There were six children in his family, the subject of this review being next to the youngest in order of birth.

The father of these children having been called away in 1865 when the son, William S. Hunter, was a child of four years, the latter became an inmate of the home of Aristarchus Cone, an old friend of the family, who lived on a farm in Cedar township, on which he settled in August, 1837. He was a stock and grain farmer and a man of many excellent qualities. Educated in the public schools, our subject early evinced a studious disposition and gave evidence of literary tastes that indicated a professional career as his natural vocation. Books and papers were much more attractive to him than manual labor. However, on account of lung trouble, he was obliged to give up his studies and upon the advice of a physician devoted his attention to outdoor work, finally deciding to make farming his life pursuit. This he has done with marked success and he is now the owner of a beautiful place which he has brought to a high degree of cultivation, having devoted a great deal of time and attention to its improvement. He has no specialty but engages in general farming.

On the 9th of October, 1882, Mr. Hunter was united in marriage in Muscatine county to Miss Jessie A. Shellabarger, a daughter of J. M. Shellabarger. She traces her ancestry back as far as 1306 A. D. and it is believed that Mount Shallenberg, Switzerland, owes its name to this family. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter: Zula Ruth, now Mrs. T. S. Holyoke, of Grinnell, Iowa; Aristarchus C., now assisting his father upon the home farm, who attended the district school, then went to Grinnell College for two years and afterward took a course in the animal husbandry department of the

State Agricultural College at Ames; and Mary E. and Milton A., both of whom are attending school in Grinnell.

Mr. Hunter is strictly independent in his political views, working for measures and voting for men rather than party. He has never sought official preferment, but he has held the office of school director, filling the position in such a way as to meet the hearty approval of the people of the district. While favoring the Congregational church, he realizes that all churches are working for the accomplishment of the same purpose and therefore he worships with all Evangelical denominations. He is a staunch advocate of good roads, improved surroundings, better schools, Chautauqua associations and the maintenance of the church, being also one of the promoters of the first mutual telephone line in his neighborhood. He has not used tobacco or liquor since arriving at manhood and has appropriated the approximate cost of the same in the purchase of books and papers, now receiving at his home an average of ten papers and magazines regularly. He has a large and well assorted library which contains the best class of literature. One of his diversions is the collection of old relics and souvenirs. He now has a powder horn which was carried through the Revolutionary war, a pair of French duelling pistols, a dagger, an old fashioned spinning wheel, a flax wheel, a long, heavy hair trigger rifle such as was carried by the early frontiersman, a collection of canes, a foot warmer used by women when stoves were not allowed in the churches, and many other curiosities. Mr. Hunter is of pronounced social characteristics and is never happier than when in the midst of his family or dispensing generous hospitality to friends. A progressive and public-spirited citizen, he assists in all worthy movements which have for their purpose the promotion of the permanent interests of the neighborhood.

O. E. TOWNSLEY.

The owner of a well improved farm in Cedar township which he acquired through years of industry, O. E. Townsley has attained a recognized position as one of the substantial and respected citizens of Muscatine county. He is a native of Cedar township, this county, born March 18, 1860, and is a son of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Stevenson) Townsley. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in Kentucky. They came to Muscatine county after their marriage in 1849 and set up housekeeping in a log cabin with a stick chimney, puncheon floor and greased paper for windows, living in this style for several years until they were able to move into a more pretentious residence. Cyrus Townsley prospered as a farmer and became the head of a family of nine children, seven of whom are now living. He departed this life August 11, 1905, his beloved companion having been called away June 30, 1896.

O. E. Townsley was educated in the district school and assisted upon the home farm until he was twenty-two years of age when he was married and began farming upon his own account by renting land. After one year upon rented property he purchased fifty acres on section 23, Cedar township, where

he now lives, and, applying himself diligently, acquired more land until today he is the owner of two hundred and forty-five acres in one body. He raises grains extensively but makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock, being one of the most successful stock-raisers in his part of the county. He has made many improvements on his farm in buildings, fences and drainage and has used a judgment which has produced excellent returns. By good management he has overcome many difficulties that might have discouraged a less resolute man but he steadily persevered and is now assured of a handsome competence for the remainder of his life.

On the 8th of March, 1882, Mr. Townsley was united in marriage to Miss Ava McMichael, who was born September 1, 1864, a daughter of Joseph and Anna E. (Snyder) McMichael. The father was born in Ireland and the mother in Ohio, the former coming to this country at seventeen years of age. Both are now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Townsley seven children were born: Clyde E., a resident of Cedar township; Guy O., of Clinton, Iowa; Roy, who died at the age of thirteen years; Rayzell, deceased; Maxey and Edna, at home; and Anna Margaret, deceased.

Mr. Townsley gives his support to the republican party and although he has never sought public office, he has been called to positions of responsibility by his neighbors and is now filling the office of township trustee. He has also served with general acceptance as a member of the school board. He and his estimable wife are affiliated with the United Brethren church and for a number of years he has been identified with the Fraternal Aid Society. He has steadily progressed from the beginning of his active career not only as a land-owner but as a man of influence in the county. He has many friends who are attracted by his genial qualities and his interest in the welfare of others.

NELS CHRISTOFFERSON.

Nels Christofferson, the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and sixty acres on section 13, Pike township, has won a gratifying measure of success in the conduct of his agricultural interests. His birth occurred in Denmark on the 6th of April, 1871, his parents being Hans and Johannah (Christianson) Christofferson, who spent their entire lives in that country. They reared a family of six children.

Nels Christofferson spent the first twenty years of his life in his native country, obtaining his education in the common schools. In 1891 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and took up his abode in Scott county, Iowa, there remaining for a short time. He then came to Muscatine county and here worked as a farm hand for a brief period, after which he removed to Illinois, where he was likewise employed on a farm. After returning to this county he devoted his attention to the cultivation of rented land until 1909, when he purchased his present farm of two hundred and sixty acres on section 13, Pike township. The property is well improved in every particular and the fields yield rich crops as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

On the 23d of November, 1898, Mr. Christofferson was united in marriage to Miss Murney McHenry, who was born in Illinois on the 3d of February, 1882, her parents being Jesse and Ellen (Duncan) McHenry, natives of Virginia and Illinois respectively. They were married in Illinois and the year 1899 witnessed their arrival in Iowa. They took up their abode in Muscatine county and have lived here continuously to the present time. Their children were five in number, as follows: Zoa, the wife of James Walters, of Muscatine county; Pearl, who is the wife of Arthur Whaley and resides in South Dakota; Mrs. Christofferson; Nora E., the wife of Arthur Cochran, of Muscatine county; and one who died in infancy. To Mr. and Mrs. Christofferson eight children have been born, namely: Marie J., who was born on the 23d of June, 1899; Ernest, whose birth occurred January 21, 1901, and who passed away November 20, 1910; Della Blanche, whose natal day was May 19, 1902; Hazel M., who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 5th of May, 1904; Christian, who was born February 14, 1906; Jessie Ellen, born October 26, 1907; Leroy, whose birth occurred February 25, 1909; and Martin L., whose natal day was February 26, 1910.

Politically Mr. Christofferson is an advocate of the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to good government. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Nichols, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. Coming to the new world in early manhood, he has since worked his way steadily upward to a position among the representative and respected residents of his community.

MILBURN Z. POOLE.

Although two decades have passed since Milburn Z. Poole was called to his final rest, he is still remembered as one of the respected citizens and substantial agriculturists of Pike township, where he followed farming for many years. His birth occurred in Indiana on the 29th of April, 1833, his parents being Micajah and Rebecca (Ralson) Poole, who came to Iowa in 1836, first taking up their abode in Lee county. The father, who was successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career, passed away in 1873. His wife was called to her final rest in 1885. Unto this worthy couple were born ten children, five of whom are yet living, as follows: William, who is a resident of Muscatine county; Joseph and Benton, living in Lee county; McDonald, who makes his home in the state of Washington; and Adeline, the wife of Thomas Walker, of Grant county, Oklahoma.

Milburn Z. Poole, who was but three years of age when brought to Iowa by his parents, remained at home until a youth of seventeen, when he started out in life for himself. In 1851 he crossed the plains to California, remaining in that state for ten years or until 1861, when he enlisted for service in the Civil war as a member of the One Hundredth California Volunteer Cavalry. Later he was attached to Company A, Second Massachusetts Volunteer Cavalry, with which command he remained until the close of hostilities, serving

in the capacity of wagonmaster. After being honorably discharged he returned to Muscatine county and became identified with general agricultural pursuits. Subsequently he purchased the farm which remained his place of abode until the time of his demise and which is now in possession of his widow. His undertakings as an agriculturist were attended with a gratifying measure of success and when he passed away in February, 1891, the community mourned the loss of one of its most substantial and esteemed citizens.

On the 16th of January, 1868, Mr. Poole was united in marriage to Miss Julia E. Stafford, a native of Logan county, Ohio, and a daughter of William R. and Hester (Owen) Stafford, who were born in Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. They came to Iowa in 1854, settling on a farm in Muscatine county which the father operated for a few years. He then took up his abode at West Liberty, where he worked at the cobbler's trade for thirty-five years. The remainder of his life was spent in honorable retirement and it was in 1903 that he was called to his final rest. His mortal remains were interred in Oak Ridge cemetery by the side of his wife, who had passed away in 1898. Their children were six in number, namely: Martha M., the wife of Elias Adams, of Pike township; Charles C., who is a resident of Tennessee; Frank, living in El Paso, Texas; Albert, of Hollywood, California; Mary J., the wife of Enoch O. Lundy, of Rock Island, Illinois; and Mrs. Poole.

The last named also became the mother of six children, the record of whom is as follows. Adeline, who taught school for several terms prior to her marriage, is now the wife of William Moylan, of Muscatine, Iowa. Albert who is married to Maggie Dugan and is also a resident of Muscatine. Mattie is the wife of Charles Conklin and makes her home at West Liberty, Iowa. William M., who operates the old homestead farm, wedded Miss Elsie Shafer, a native of Pike township and a daughter of William and Sarah (Creps) Shafer. They had two children: Charles, who was born on the 25th of May, 1902; and Hazel, who died at the age of five years. Fred Poole still makes his home with his widowed mother. Edna gave her hand in marriage to Berl Heath and lives on a farm in this county. The family belong to the Christian church and take an active and helpful interest in its work. Mrs. Poole enjoys an extensive acquaintance throughout the community in which she resides and is highly esteemed as a lady of many excellent traits of heart and mind.

ULISSIS GRANT HOLLENBECK.

Ulissis Grant Hollenbeck is numbered among the men of enterprise and business ability who have won for Muscatine county the reputation of being one of the best agricultural sections of this great state. He lives in Pike township, where general farming and stock-raising and feeding claim his attention and his energies. His place is a well improved property of three hundred and thirty-two acres and it is the visible evidence of his life of well directed industry and thrift.

His birth occurred in Linn county, Iowa, February 26, 1865, his parents being Jeremiah and Mary T. (French) Hollenbeck, both of whom were natives of New York, in which state their marriage was celebrated. They came to Iowa in 1864 and first took up their abode on a farm in Linn county, where they remained for two years. On the expiration of that period they established their home in Pike township, Muscatine county, and subsequently came in possession of one hundred and twenty acres of land, in the cultivation of which Mr. Hollenbeck was actively and successfully engaged until called to his final rest in 1884. The mother was married a second time and now lives on a portion of our subject's farm. She has attained the age of seventy years. By her first marriage she was the mother of three children, as follows: Ida May, the wife of John Ziegler, of Johnson county, Iowa; Ulissis G., of this review; and Walter, a widower residing at Nichols, Iowa.

Ulissis G. Hollenbeck remained under the parental roof until twenty-four years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. Having chosen the pursuit of agriculture as a life work, he began farming on a tract of forty acres of land which he owned in Pike township and which has remained in his possession to the present time. As his financial resources have increased he has added to his holdings by purchase until his farm now embraces three hundred and thirty-two acres of valuable land. In connection with the tilling of the soil he has also devoted considerable attention to the raising and feeding of high grade stock, this branch of his business adding materially to his income. His farm is a well developed property, the fields yielding golden harvests as a tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon them.

On the 31st of January, 1889, Mr. Hollenbeck was united in marriage to Miss Katie Smith, who was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, on the 3d of September, 1867, her parents being George and Elizabeth (Attie) Smith, natives of Germany. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in early life, first settling in Illinois, where they resided until 1865, when they came to Iowa, locating on a farm in this county. Mr. Smith gave his attention to its operation until 1906, when he put aside the active work of the fields and removed to Nichols, where he has since lived in honorable retirement. He has now attained the ripe old age of seventy-five years. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, namely: Adam, who resides on a farm in Pike township, this county; Mrs. Hollenbeck; George, who makes his home on a farm in Johnson county; Anna E., the deceased wife of Walter Hollenbeck, of Pike township, Muscatine county; Sarah M., who is the wife of Phillip Lentz, of Johnson county, Iowa; Ella Barbara, who gave her hand in marriage to Peter Lentz, of Johnson county; John M., who is married and lives on a farm in Johnson county; William, who died when eighteen months old; Nicholas G. and Louis J., who make their home on a farm in Muscatine county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hollenbeck have been born six children, as follows: Rose May, whose birth occurred February 26, 1890, and who died August 6, 1891; Lilly Ann, who was born August 27, 1891; George, who first opened his eyes to the light of day on the 4th of October, 1893; Nellie M.,

whose natal day was January 10, 1896; Arthur U., who was born February 26, 1898; and Albert, born March 31, 1905.

Mr. Hollenbeck is a democrat in politics but has no desire for the honors and emoluments of office. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America, belonging to lodge No. 4195 at Nichols, while religiously he and his family are connected with the Christian church. Almost his entire life has been passed in this county and he is well known here as an active and industrious citizen, who utilizes his opportunities to the best advantage and who is not afraid of that close application and indefatigable industry which constitute the basis of all honorable success.

G. C. LINDEE.

G. C. Lindee, a successful agriculturist and prominent citizen of Pike township, is the owner of a good farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres which yields him a gratifying annual income. His birth occurred in Germany in October, 1847, his parents being John and Amelia (Knaack) Lindee, who spent their entire lives in that country. The father was a bricklayer by trade and followed that occupation throughout his active business career.

G. C. Lindee spent the first twenty-four years of his life in the land of his nativity and then crossed the Atlantic to the United States, reaching Chicago at the time of the memorable fire of 1871. A few days later he made his way to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and there worked by the day for a short time. Subsequently he went to Racine, Wisconsin, where he was employed in the machine shops for two years, on the expiration of which period he removed to Henry county, Iowa. He there worked as a farm hand for a short time and then came to Muscatine county, being here employed in a similar capacity for a few years. Afterward he clerked in a store for a period of thirteen years and then again turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, cultivating rented land for a few years. At the end of that time he purchased the farm in Pike township which has remained his place of abode continuously since and which embraces two hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land. He has made many substantial improvements thereon and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests as a reward for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. Success has crowned his labors and he has long been numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of his community.

Mr. Lindee has been married twice. On the 27th of September, 1883, he wedded Miss Louise Hacke, a native of Cook county, Illinois. Her parents, both of whom were born in Germany, lived in Cook county, Illinois, for some time following their emigration to America but later came to Iowa and here continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. Mrs. Louise Lindee, who was the eldest of a family of five children, became the mother of four children, as follows: Frederick, who died in infancy; Carl, who is a resident of Indiana; Albert L., who was born on the 18th of February, 1887, graduated from the Nichols high school and is now employed as a railway mail clerk by

the Rock Island Railroad Company; and Mabel, who passed away when but nine months old. The wife and mother was called to her final rest in November, 1895, and her mortal remains were interred in the Nichols cemetery. Two years later Mr. Lindee married Miss Etta M. Quinby, who was born in Indiana on the 4th of March, 1854, her parents being James and Susanna (Gibble) Quinby, natives of Pennsylvania. Following their marriage they took up their abode in Ohio, while later they removed to Indiana and still later to Floyd county, Iowa, remaining in the last named place for eight years. On the expiration of that period they came to Muscatine county and lived on a farm here during the remainder of their lives. James Quinby, who passed away when his daughter Etta was still but a child, was buried in the Black Hawk cemetery. His wife died in October, 1892, and was laid to rest in the Conesville cemetery. They were the parents of thirteen children, eight of whom are yet living.

In politics Mr. Lindee is a democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to several positions of public trust. He has served as president of the Nichols school board and also acted as mayor of the village of Nichols for one term. At the present time and for the past six years he has ably served as a trustee of Pike township. He and his family belong to the Protestant church and take an active and helpful interest in its work. His son Albert is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the lodge at Nichols. Mr. Lindee has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to America, for in this country he has found the opportunities which he sought and through their utilization has worked his way upward, his life indicating what may be accomplished by determination and well directed energy. During the long period of his residence in Muscatine county he has gained many friends, having won the warm regard of all with whom he has been associated.

F. D. LOWRY.

The operation of about five hundred acres of land, a portion of which belongs to his sister, Mrs. May Richardson, of Davenport, fully occupies the time and attention of F. D. Lowry, whose unfaltering labor has made this place one of the valuable properties of Montpelier township. One of Iowa's native sons, he was born in Muscatine on the 7th of January, 1868, and within the borders of Muscatine county has spent his entire life. His father, William Eaker Lowry, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, May 5, 1827, was there educated and continued to make that city his home until his removal to Muscatine in early life. He remained in this city until 1849, in which year he joined a party bound for California. With a train of six mules they crossed the plains, and Mr. Lowry remained on the Western coast for about seven years, after which he returned to Muscatine. His remaining years were devoted to farming. He was a veteran of the Civil war, going loyally to the support of his country in her hour of need, and for three years served as a member of the Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He passed away September 13, 1906, at a ripe old age. His wife,

who in her maidenhood was Virginia Waggoner, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 31, 1837, and in early childhood came with her parents to Scott county, Iowa. She still survives her husband and now makes her home in Davenport. By her marriage she became the mother of eight children, as follows: Sarah, the wife of L. Davenport, of Oskaloosa, Iowa; Catherine, who passed away in young womanhood; May, the wife of S. P. Richardson, of Davenport; F. D., of this review; C. D., who is also deceased; W. D., who is married and resides in Miles City; Joseph, who died at the age of three and a half years; and Samuel, whose death occurred in infancy.

Soon after his birth F. D. Lowry was taken by his parents to Muscatine Island and there the family resided for five or six years, after which they took up their abode on the farm which is still the home of the son. He received his education in the country schools and in the periods of vacation assisted in the cultivation of the farm, receiving thorough training in the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. He continued to assist in the work of the home farm and remained with his father until the latter's death, since which time he has continued to reside on the farm, and in connection with the operation of his own property he manages the adjoining farm belonging to his sister, Mrs. Richardson, which consists of two hundred and fifty-eight acres. He engages in general farming and stock-raising. His own property, consists of two hundred and thirty-five acres, originally a part of his father's estate. The farm is a beautiful place, situated upon an elevation which commands a fine view of the great Mississippi river and the surrounding country. It is located one mile west of Montpelier, four and a half miles east of Fairport and seven miles southwest of Blue Grass, bringing the conveniences and activities of city life within easy reach.

In the year 1892 Mr. Lowry was united in marriage to Sarah Eis, who was born in Montpelier township on the 22d of November, 1873, and is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Goettge) Eis, both of whom were natives of Germany. They were married, however, in Ohio and spent their last days in Iowa, passing away in Muscatine county. The father had engaged in agricultural pursuits until his retirement from business. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lowry has been blessed by three daughters, Helen, Ruth and Lila. Mr. Lowry gives his support to the democratic party but in politics he takes simply a citizen's interest, the honors and emoluments of office having no attraction for him.

THOMAS T. TOWNSLEY.

Thomas T. Townsley, a prominent farmer of Muscatine county, who for some years past has served most acceptably as justice of the peace in Cedar township, was born at Greene county, Ohio, May 17, 1848, a son of Cyrus and Elizabeth (Stevenson) Townsley. He received his preliminary education in the public schools, later attending the high school and after coming west graduating from a veterinary college at Omaha, Nebraska. He remained in the Buckeye state until twenty-three years of age and then began trading and handling stock.

operating in Nebraska and Kansas principally but also at times in Colorado, Texas and other states. He continued in this business for twenty years, during which time he gained a wide acquaintance among stockmen and built up an enviable reputation in his special line.

After his marriage Mr. Townsley spent sixteen years in Rock Island county, Illinois, where he cultivated a farm of two hundred and eighty acres and also raised live stock, which he delivered regularly to the market. Having rented part of his farm, he devoted the remainder of it to stock purposes and in 1906 purchased the farm in Cedar township, this county, upon which he now lives, it being the old homestead of the family. It is one of the best improved places in the locality and is provided with all modern conveniences for up-to-date operations. The success of Mr. Townsley has been largely due to his skillful handling and feeding of cattle and hogs.

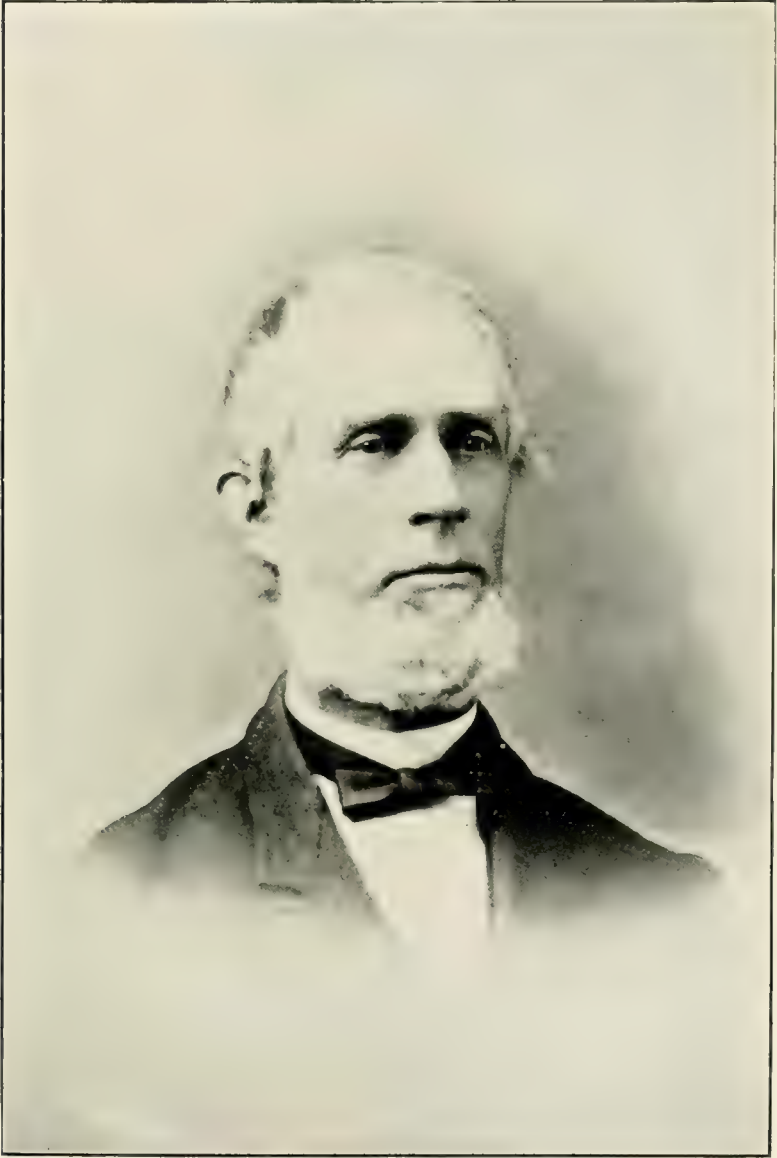
On the 12th of September, 1883, Mr. Townsley was united in marriage to Miss Celestia E. Woodward, a daughter of C. R. and Amanda E. (Glancey) Woodward. Her father is a native of Pennsylvania and her mother of Indiana. They are now living in Mercer county, Illinois. There were three children in their family: John G.; Mary S., now the wife of R. G. Hines, of Mercer county, Illinois; and Celestia E. Three children have come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Townsley: Elizabeth E., born June 22, 1894; Cyrus R., April 10, 1897; and Helen Agnes, July 5, 1899.

Since arriving at voting age Mr. Townsley has given his allegiance to the republican party, believing that its principles are most conducive to the prosperity and permanency of the republic. He and his family are consistent members of the Presbyterian church and give it their hearty support. A man of large and varied experience, Mr. Townsley is somewhat cosmopolitan and is broader in his views than one less versed in human nature. He has attained success through diligence and perseverance, and his record should be an encouragement to all who are striving to accomplish worthy objects.

FREDERICK H. GREEN.

No unusual or exciting experiences have constituted chapters in the life record of Frederick H. Green, but fidelity to duty, a progressive spirit and business activity have made him one of the valued residents of Muscatine, where he is now successfully engaged in the conduct of a drug store. The family of which he is a representative traces its ancestry back in this country to Ezekiel Green, a soldier of the Revolutionary war, who in 1781 journeyed from Little Compton, Connecticut, by team to Rutland, Vermont. It was there that Joseph Green, the grandfather of our subject, was born and reared and in the course of years became a leading merchant of that place and a man of considerable local influence, although he died when but twenty-four years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Marcia Reed, afterward came to the west and died in Muscatine in 1859.

Their son, Joseph A. Green, was born in Rutland on the 24th of February, 1814, and died in Muscatine on the 10th of November, 1876. He was described



JOSEPH A. GREEN

in his boyhood as a tall, slender youth, courageous and full of fun. He was seventeen years of age when in the spring of 1831 he left his native city and started with a drove of cattle for Detroit, Michigan. The journey successfully accomplished, he returned to the Green Mountain state and afterward engaged in clerking in a general store in Castleton. But he had felt the fascination of the west and afterward made his way to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he found employment in the general store of a Mr. Bowman, whose first wife was Eliza Reed, an aunt of Joseph A. Green. Following her death Mr. Bowman wedded her sister Emily, who passed away a few years later, and Mr. Bowman did not long survive her. On leaving Milwaukee, Joseph A. Green made his way to St. Louis, where he found employment in a shoe store, and in 1844 he came to Muscatine, Iowa, with the business interests of which city he was long identified. He formed a partnership with a Mr. Enders for the conduct of a clothing store in a building on the present site of the McQueston & Sawyer hardware store. When Mr. Enders withdrew from the business George C. Stone became a partner of Mr. Green under the firm name of Green & Stone, dealers in general merchandise. They removed from their original location across the street into a room later occupied by Adam Hild as a grocery store. Success attended the venture and about 1845 they enlarged the scope of their business by engaging in pork packing in the Isett warehouse opposite the oatmeal mill on Front street. These interests, however, did not seem to constitute sufficient scope for their activities and ambitions and in 1850 they established a bank in a room later occupied by the New Process Laundry. In 1857 they erected and occupied a building which afterward became the property of J. H. Canon and about 1859 they erected a brick pork-packing house in South Muscatine and also laid out the village of Greentown, Green street being named in honor of the senior member of the firm. In the fall of 1861 the bank suspended. On the 15th of May of that year Mr. Green was elected state senator over A. M. Hare, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of A. O. Patterson, who left the state. He served during the special session of that summer when measures were taken to put Iowa on a war footing. His wife was a native of Buckfield, Maine. She bore the maiden name of Cyrena Bisbee and was a granddaughter of John Bisbee, a soldier of the Revolutionary war and a daughter of Martin and Lucy (Cushman) Bisbee. Her father was a merchant and pioneer of the state of Maine, and both he and his wife died there when well advanced in years, having had seven or eight children, including Cyrena, who became the wife of Joseph A. Green. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Green were born the following children: Helen M., living in Muscatine; Willard Reed, a resident of New York city; George Alexander, of Metcalf, Arizona; Henry Lee, whose home is in Quincy, Illinois; Elizabeth, the wife of Irving B. Richman, of Muscatine; and Frederick H.

The last named still occupies the old home in Muscatine in which he was born September 1, 1861. At the usual age he was sent to the public schools and gradual advancement through the successive grades brought him to the high school, while later he completed a course in Bryant & Stratton Commercial College in Chicago. Desiring to engage in the drug business as a life work, he spent two years as a student in the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and took one year in law in the

Columbia College Law School in New York City. His attention throughout his active connection with business affairs has been given to the conduct of a drug store in Muscatine and his ability as a pharmacist well qualifies him for the compounding and sale of medicines and drugs. He has an attractive and well appointed store and a liberal patronage is accorded him.

CHESTER C. ADAMS.

Chester C. Adams, the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and twenty acres in Pike township, has resided in Muscatine county from his birth to the present time and is widely recognized as a representative citizen and substantial agriculturist of the community. He was born in Pike township on the 18th of August, 1858, his parents being Elias and Jane (Reamer) Adams, who were natives of Ohio and Iowa respectively. They were married in this county and began their domestic life on a farm in Pike township, the father being actively engaged in its operation until called to his final rest on the 6th of August, 1899. His death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret, for he had won an extensive circle of friends during the long period of his residence here. Our subject lost his mother when but a child, and shortly afterward Elias Adams wedded Miss Martha M. Hughes, whose birth occurred in the east. Chester C. Adams was one of a family of five children, the others being as follows: Mary Etta, the wife of Louis Mills, of South Dakota; Arthur, who is deceased; Harriet J., the deceased wife of Jesse Burner, of South Dakota; and Louisa, the deceased wife of Robert Shannon, of Nichols, Iowa.

Chester C. Adams attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-three years of age, assisting his father in the operation of the home farm. After starting out as an agriculturist on his own account he was engaged in the cultivation of rented land for eight years, on the expiration of which period he purchased one hundred and ten acres of his present farm in Pike township. By dint of untiring industry and good management he accumulated capital sufficient to enable him to extend the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred and twenty acres of valuable land, nearly all of which is under a high state of cultivation. The property is lacking in none of the improvements and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century and the well tilled fields annually yield bounteous harvests.

On the 4th of April, 1882, Mr. Adams was joined in wedlock to Miss Margaret McKibben, whose birth occurred in Indiana on the 29th of June, 1862, her parents being J. T. and Jane (Clark) McKibben, natives of Pennsylvania and Ohio respectively. They were married in Ohio and came to Iowa in 1867, settling on a farm in Louisa county. Mr. McKibben worked as a grade contractor for five or six years and then turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits, cultivating rented land for three years. At the end of that time he purchased a farm of one hundred and ten acres in Pike township, Muscatine county, in the operation of which he was busily engaged until his death, which

occurred on the 16th of December, 1898, when he had attained the age of seventy-two years. His wife passed away October 17, 1889, at the age of sixty-seven years. They were the parents of seven children, namely: Clark, who lives with our subject in Pike township; George, who died when thirty years of age; Rachel, the wife of George Hallock, of Nichols, Iowa; William, who died in infancy; Flora, the deceased wife of Arthur Sexton, of Iowa City; Mrs. Adams; and Susan, who passed away when two years of age. Mrs. Adams taught school for some time prior to her marriage, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that she had acquired. Her two daughters are also qualified to follow that profession. They are as follows: Pearl E., who was born on the 13th of November, 1885; and Hazel V., whose natal day was October 26, 1892.

In politics Mr. Adams is a republican, loyally supporting the men and measures of that party. He has held the office of road supervisor and also served as a member of the school board for ten years, discharging his duties in these connections in a most able manner. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Brotherhood of America, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which his wife and children also belong. Upright and honorable in all the relations of life, his word is considered as good as his bond, and he has the entire confidence and respect of those with whom he comes in contact either in business or social affairs.

PATRICK O'TOOLE.

Patrick O'Toole is a native of Seventy-six township, where he now lives, born on a farm October 10, 1852. He has led an extremely active and useful life, in the course of which he has by many kind acts gained the sincere regard of those with whom he is associated. He has suffered reverses but after each reverse he has faced the world with new energy, winning a place of influence in the community.

He is a son of William and Winifred (Byrne) O'Toole, both natives of County Wicklow, Ireland. Coming to the United States in 1842, the father worked in various eastern states until 1850, when he returned to Ireland and in the following spring was married, starting with his bride for Muscatine county, Iowa, soon after that happy event. They crossed the ocean in a sailing vessel, which required four weeks for the voyage, his first trip over the ocean having been made in seven weeks. He preempted government land on the line between Seventy-six and Cedar townships in this county and there he lived until 1868, when he took up his residence with his son James, with whom he continued for thirty years. He was called from earthly scenes in 1898, his beloved wife having preceded him by twenty-one years. There were four children in the family: Patrick, our subject; Mary and Sarah, both deceased; and James, now living on the old home place.

Patrick O'Toole received his education in the district schools and on the home farm became thoroughly acquainted with all departments of work per-

taining to agriculture and stock-raising. At twenty-eight years of age he began farming on his own account on the home place and in 1884 located where he now lives in Seventy-six township. His home has been twice destroyed by fire but he is not a man to yield to obstacles and he now owns four hundred and eighty acres in Seventy-six township and ten acres of valuable timber land in Cedar township, being recognized as one of the most progressive and competent farmers in this part of the county.

In 1880 Mr. O'Toole was united in marriage to Miss Mary Griffin. Three children were born to this union: William J. and J. T., both at home; and James, deceased. Mrs. O'Toole having been called from earthly scenes in 1886, our subject was again married in 1888, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Fanning, of Cedar township. Eight children have been born to them, six of whom are living: J. P., Mary B., Margaret W., Sarah Catherine and Agatha E. and Lawrence, twins, all of whom are at home. As the head of a large and promising family Mr. O'Toole has set a worthy example, instilling those lessons of prudence and thoughtfulness so necessary in the attainment of any worthy object. He is affiliated with the Roman Catholic church but lends his assistance to the local churches irrespective of their creed. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party and no man gives a more sincere support to its principles. He has served for three years as trustee of the township but has never sought public office, as his principal energies are devoted to his farm and his family.

JACOB E. VAN CAMP.

Jacob E. Van Camp was one of Muscatine's popular and well known citizens who has recently removed to Punta Gorda, De Soto county, Florida. During his residence in Muscatine he was a traveling salesman and insurance solicitor and while business claimed much of his attention, he yet found time for social enjoyment and for the performance of his duties of citizenship. Thus his is a well rounded character and his good qualities commend him to the confidence and high regard of all.

His parents came to Muscatine county at an early day and he was born on the old home farm in Sweetland township, April 11, 1867. His parents were Kiple and Ann Maria (Little) Van Camp, the former a native of Warren county, New Jersey, and the latter of Sussex county, that state. The Van Camps are of Holland Dutch descent. The grandfather, Isaac Van Camp, died before the birth of his son Kiple and the grandmother passed away when Kiple was but eleven years of age. He was the youngest of their family of four sons and a daughter, the others being James V., William, Nelson and Emeline. The maternal grandfather of Jacob E. Van Camp was Benjamin Little, who was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, and after arriving at adult age married Katherine Vass, who was born in Warren county, New Jersey. He went to the lake country in New York state and was never heard of again. His widow afterward came to Iowa with the Van Camp family in 1850 and died in Sweetland

township a few days before reaching the age of eighty years. Ann Maria Little was their only child.

Kiple Van Camp, left an orphan at the age of eleven years, spent his youth in his native county and throughout his life followed the occupation of farming. In the spring of 1850 he came to Iowa and the unsettled condition of the country is indicated by the fact that he was able to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land in Sweetland township, Muscatine county, for two dollars and sixty cents per acre. This same property is today worth a hundred and fifty dollars per acre. He improved the place, converting it into a nice farm, and all of his children were born and reared thereon. Prospering in his undertaking, he became the owner of several farms but disposed of all of them but the old home place, on which he spent his last years. He was born September 15, 1823, and died on the 23d of November, 1903, his death resulting from pneumonia. His widow, who still survives him, was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, January 17, 1828, and is therefore eighty-three years of age. She was a resident of Warren county, New Jersey, between the ages of seven and twenty years and has been a resident of Muscatine county for more than sixty years, having arrived here on the 16th of May, 1850. She holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, to which Kiple Van Camp also belonged. They were the parents of ten children: Andrew N., of Highmore, South Dakota; Abram E., of Highmore; William O., of Villisca, Iowa; Mary E., the wife of Isaac Longstreth, of Sweetland, Iowa; James H., operating the old homestead in Sweetland township; George W., of Greenfield, Iowa, now representing Adair county in the state legislature; Jacob E., of Muscatine; Frank K., of Denver, Colorado; and two who died in infancy.

Jacob E. Van Camp was reared upon his father's farm in Sweetland township, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He attended the district schools and also the normal school conducted by Professor Leverich. He continued to assist his father in the cultivation of the home farm until he attained his majority and then rented some of his father's land, which he cultivated until 1894, when he removed to Bates county, Missouri, investing in a sixty-acre farm near Butler. A year later he sold that property and went to Crawford county, Missouri, where he purchased eighty acres of land. After disposing of that tract he turned his attention to the hotel business at St. James, Missouri, where he suffered heavy losses through fire on the 6th of January, 1897. A month later he returned to Iowa, where he made his home until his removal to Florida. During the past twelve years he has been largely upon the road as a commercial traveler and was for a time a representative of the German American Insurance Company of Burlington. For the four years he made his home in Muscatine and was widely known and popular here.

On the 2d of January, 1890, Mr. Van Camp was married to Miss Minnie V. Norcross, who was born in Sussex county, New Jersey, a daughter of Jacob and Emeline (Taylor) Norcross. Her father was born in Warren county and her mother in Connecticut. They came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1881 and purchased a farm in Sweetland township, where Mr. Norcross died on the 11th of August, 1910, at the age of seventy-nine years. Her mother is still living at

the old home. They were the parents of two children: Charles J. and Minnie V. Two children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. Van Camp, Anna B. and Roy K. The latter has attended high school, and the former is a graduate of the Muscatine high school and also pursued a teacher's course in the State Normal School and engaged in teaching.

Mrs. Van Camp belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Van Camp holds membership with Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M. His political indorsement is given to the democratic party but he does not seek nor desire office preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. A social nature has made him widely known in the districts to which his business has taken him and he possesses qualities which business men appreciate and commend.

H. C. HENDRIX.

Among the alert and energetic citizens of Muscatine county may be named H. C. Hendrix, who owns one of the valuable farms of Cedar township. He was born in Seventy-six township, this county, June 7, 1866, and is a son of William and Charlotte (Willits) Hendrix, the father being a native of Indiana and the mother of Illinois. They were married in Henry county, Iowa, and immediately thereafter took up their residence in Seventy-six township, Muscatine county, where Mr. Hendrix has acquired a well improved farm of three hundred acres, he and his wife now enjoying the fruits of many years of earnest labor. There were ten children in their family, namely: H. C., our subject; N. T., who was graduated from the Iowa State University and is now a prosperous druggist of Columbus Junction, Iowa; L. B., of Louisa county, Iowa; Estella, now Mrs. Edgar Robertson, of St. Francis, Kansas; Walter, a graduate of the engineering department of the Iowa State University and now pursuing his profession at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Edwin, of Marshalltown, Iowa; L. D., of Mount Pleasant, Iowa; Novella, who died at the age of two years; Wilmot, at home; and Ledru, now attending the State University.

H. C. Hendrix received his early education in the district schools and grew up under the friendly shelter of the parental roof, continuing at home until he was twenty-one years of age. He began upon his own account by working out by the month and after an experience of six years in this line rented land for five years, then purchasing a farm in Louisa county, which he successfully cultivated for a period of five years. Selling his farm, he bought the place he now owns in Cedar township, Muscatine county, which he has developed until it is one of the most highly improved farms in the neighborhood. He gives his undivided attention to his business and, as he is thoroughly informed as to improved methods and uses up-to-date machinery and appliances, he meets with marked success. He is a good judge of live stock and keeps no inferior grades. As the result of years of close application he is in well-to-do circumstances and ranks as one of the influential farmers and stock-raisers of the county.

On the 25th of February, 1891, Mr. Hendrix was united in marriage to Miss Nevada Syphrit, of Louisa county, Iowa, a daughter of Joseph and Harriett (McNatton) Syphrit. Her father was a native of Pennsylvania and the mother of Ohio. They were married in Louisa county, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming and also for twenty-five years in teaching school. The mother departed this life in March, 1894. Mr. Syphrit still makes his home upon the farm with which he has been identified since his early manhood. There were eight children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Syphrit, six of whom are now living: Joseph R., of Wapello, Iowa, who is a graduate of the Eastern Iowa Normal School and taught school for fifteen years; Emma, the wife of George Varner, of Wapello; Nevada, now Mrs. Hendrix; William O. and Mary E., twins, the latter of whom is the wife of Joseph Scull, of Wapello; and Marcellus, of Letts, Iowa. Henry, one of the promising boys of the family, died at eighteen years of age.

Mr. Hendrix has since arriving at voting age been identified with the republican party and has served as township trustee and for four years as member of the school board. He has worked his way to success by careful attention to his calling and by a sound judgment which is necessary in any well conducted business. At the age of forty-five years he is in possession of a beautiful farm, which he has acquired through his own exertions, and is assured of a competence for life. He and his estimable wife are identified with the Methodist church and may always be depended upon to assist in relieving the wants or in lightening the burdens of those less fortunate than themselves.

HENRY VERINK.

Henry Verink, of Cedar township, is a native of Holland, but has been a resident of the United States for forty-five years and has attained a prosperity that indicates practical judgment and wisely directed industry. He was born December 5, 1863, and is a son of H. J. and Jane (Teherik) Verink. The family came to America in 1865 and located in Muscatine county, Iowa, taking up their residence five years later on a farm on section 14, Cedar township. The father was a very industrious man and became one of the substantial farmers of the community. He departed this life February 15, 1893, at the age of about seventy-nine years, having been born September 12, 1814. The mother was born July 14, 1830, and was called away April 5, 1892, at the age of nearly sixty-two years. There were two children in the family besides our subject, the second dying in infancy and the third, Minnie, now being the wife of W. I. Idle, of Cedar township.

Henry Verink possessed limited educational opportunities, as he was obliged to assist his father upon the home farm even when quite young. However, he gained a very thorough knowledge of agriculture and stock-raising and at twenty years of age began renting land on his own account, managing so successfully that after six years he was able to purchase eighty acres of good land in Cedar township. He has since acquired additional land until at the present time he

owns a fine farm of two hundred and ninety-seven acres and is recognized as one of the successful and substantial citizens of the township. His good fortune is due to persistence and a thorough knowledge of his work. Besides his farm property, he owns a house and blacksmith shop in Cranston and also three empty lots.

Although mixing little in political affairs, he keeps well informed as to the general trend of events and gives his support to the democratic party. He has held the office of township trustee and has also served as road supervisor of his township. He has always been loyal to the interests of the community where he lives and by his integrity of character and public spirit has made many friends. He is in possession of an abundance of this world's goods,—more than enough to supply him with comfort and luxuries during the remainder of his life—all of which he has gained through honorable methods and by his own exertions. He has used economy, industry and perseverance—a trinity that seldom fails abundantly to reward its possessor, yielding to him not only handsome financial returns but a goodly measure of contentment, even more to be desired than riches.

L. R. McKEE.

L. R. McKee, who has for several years been identified with educational matters in Muscatine county, was born in Conesville on the 16th of April, 1886, a son of Leander and Deborah (Hall) McKee. The father, who was a native of Coshocton county, Ohio, was of German, Irish and Scotch descent, but the mother, who was born in Genesee county, Michigan, was of Irish extraction. They were married in Louisa county, Iowa, and immediately thereafter located on a farm which they continued to cultivate for seventeen years. At the end of that period they removed to Conesville, where Mr. McKee had taken the management of the elevator and also engaged in the shipping of stock. He was engaged in this for thirty years and then retired, continuing to make his home in Conesville, however, where he was living at the time of his death on the 17th of January, 1909, at the age of sixty-nine years. Mrs. McKee, who still survives and has now passed the sixty-sixth milestone in life's journey, continues to reside in the old homestead. Unto them were born the following children: Flora Belle, the wife of G. W. Tipton, of Conesville; Martha, the widow of J. E. Jean, living in Cedar Falls; Nettie D., the wife of J. F. Coffin, also of Conesville; John W., of Snyder, Oklahoma, who is married and has one son, Robert L., aged nine years; W. S., clerk of the district court, at Muscatine, who is also married and has one son, Tracy J., four years of age; L. R., our subject; Byron L., a bookkeeper in Muscatine, also married; and Eva Bell, who died in infancy.

L. R. McKee remained at home and attended the common schools until he had reached the age of thirteen years, when he was sent to the high school at Muscatine and two years later entered the University at Iowa City, where he remained for six years. After leaving the University he spent ten months in

the south and then returned to Conesville and began teaching in the rural schools in Louisa county. He took a three months' course in the Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls after he had taught for two years and then accepted the principalship of the Conesville schools, which position he retained for three years. He received the nomination of the republican party for county superintendent at the last election but was defeated by a very small majority.

On the 29th of December, 1909, Mr. McKee was united in marriage to Miss Geneve E. Miller, who was born in Oregon on the 1st of September, 1888, and is a daughter of L. D. and Corena (Latta) Miller. Her parents, who are natives of the Hawkeye state, were married in Burlington, Iowa, and after their marriage they located on a farm in this state, which they operated for a time and then migrated to Oregon. They spent fifteen years in the latter state and then returned to Iowa in 1896 and are now living on a farm in Johnson county. They are the parents of the following children: Geneve E., the wife of L. R. McKee; Nellie, Tracy, Ruth and Stanford, the four latter are living at home. One child has been born to Mr. and Mrs. McKee, Harry G., whose birth occurred on the 13th of November, 1910.

The parents are identified with the Reformed church of Conesville, and Mr. McKee is a member of the Royal Arcanum of Muscatine and also of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, which he joined while attending the State University. He always gives his political support to the candidates of the republican party, as he considers that its policy is best adapted for the protection of home interests and industries. He is well regarded in the town where he is residing and where the greater part of his life has been spent, and he and Mrs. McKee have many friends and are popular in the social circles of Conesville.

ALFRED H. KLEPPER.

One of the useful and energetic citizens of Muscatine county is Alfred H. Klepper, who comes of rugged Teutonic ancestry and has been for many years a prosperous farmer of Sweetland township. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, January 7, 1849, his parents being Christian and Annie (Kutz) Klepper. The father was also a native of the Keystone state, having been born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, January 21, 1811. The paternal grandfather, Christian Klepper, was a native of Germany, born November 12, 1784, and died in his early manhood on the 9th day of February, 1813. The father of our subject came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1857 and subsequently purchased two hundred acres of land on section 17, Sweetland township. Here he lived for more than forty years, assisting materially in the development of this region and serving as a member of the school board and as pathmaster. He was called from earthly scenes January 1, 1900. He was an active worker in the ranks of the republican party and a valued member of the Methodist church. Mrs. Klepper, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, was a woman of the pioneer type and possessed many noble traits of character which greatly endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. She departed this life

July 28, 1897. There were five children in the family: Jacob, Benjamin and Amos, deceased; Emanuel, of Everett, Washington; and Alfred H., our subject.

Alfred H. Klepper was eight years of age when he came to Muscatine county with his parents. He was educated in the public schools and has been connected during his entire life with farming interests. In 1880 he began farming on his own account on the home place and now owns two hundred and fifty acres of land which he has carefully cultivated and improved so that it is one of the desirable farms of Sweetland township. He is a general farmer and in addition to raising cereals always keeps on hand good grades of live stock, which he sends to the market in perfect condition. It is acknowledged by his friends that no man in the township is better qualified for farming than the subject of this sketch. He is a stockholder in the Muscatine State Bank and the Hershey Bank and a director of the White Pigeon Insurance Company, of Wilton, Iowa.

On the 16th of October, 1878, Mr. Klepper was united in marriage to Miss Lucy Gray, a daughter of Hon. F. A. J. Gray, a native of Graysville, Pennsylvania, and two children have blessed this union: Fred, who married Edith Crull, a daughter of Rev. L. A. Crull, of Malcolm, Iowa; and Adalene, who married W. D. Vannatta, a marble manufacturer of Muscatine and departed this life June 23, 1907. She was the first female child born in the Klepper family for seventy-five years, three generations having passed without the birth of a girl in the family.

Mr. Klepper is fraternally identified with the Knights of Pythias of Muscatine, the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Muscatine and the Modern Brotherhood of America of Sweetland, and served as treasurer of the last named organization for several years. Politically he is in sympathy with the republican party and by his vote and influence assists in forwarding the interests of its candidates. He has never sought public office but has served to the general satisfaction of the tax-payers as trustee of the township and also as pathmaster and member of the school board.

CHESTER N. CODER.

The owner of a well improved farm in Cedar township, Chester N. Coder has in comparatively a few years attained deserved success. He is a native of this county, born September 15, 1871, and is a son of John H. and Eliza (Fry) Coder. The father was born in Ohio and the mother in Pennsylvania, the latter coming to Iowa with her parents when eleven years of age. John H. Coder was reared in the Buckeye state and educated in the common schools, enlisting after the outbreak of the Civil war in the Ninety-first Regiment of Ohio Volunteers. He served for three years, participating in many important battles and numberless skirmishes. After laying aside the accoutrements of war he took up his residence in Muscatine county, Iowa, where he was married and became the owner of the farm in Cedar township, upon which he and his wife are now living. There were six children in their family, namely: Nettie, now Mrs.

Nelson Meeker, of this county; Roa, the wife of John Welsch, of Columbus Junction, Iowa; Chester N., our subject; William H., of Ottumwa, Iowa; Lillie, the wife of William Hackett, of this county; and Sarah Ella, who married Leo Snyder, of Cedar township, and died April 11, 1911.

Chester N. Coder was reared amid the advantages of a good home and pursued his studies in the district school. He assisted his father on the farm until thirty-one years of age and then engaged in farming on rented land for eight years. Having acquired sufficient capital, he purchased one hundred and thirty acres in Cedar township, where he established his home. His farm is under excellent cultivation and the abundant harvests are proof of good judgment displayed in its management. Everything about the place wears an air of thrift and orderliness.

On the 27th of February, 1902, Mr. Coder was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Hackett, who was born in Muscatine county, January 5, 1877, and is a daughter of James and Jane (Watson) Hackett, both natives of Ireland. Her parents were married in the old country and shortly afterward came to America. Mr. Hackett worked for some years on a farm in Muscatine county and then purchased land, which became the family homestead. He was called away in 1888, but Mrs. Hackett is still living on the farm. There were five children in their family: William and Thomas, of Muscatine county; James, at home with his mother; Isabelle Jane, the wife of Orville C. Rittenhouse, of Muscatine; and Anna E., now Mrs. Coder, who is a graduate of the high school of Letts, Iowa. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Coder: one who died in infancy; Opal Lucille, born December 4, 1904; and Marvin H., July 10, 1906.

Politically Mr. Coder gives his support to the democratic party and fraternally he is actively identified with the Modern Brotherhood of America at Letts. He has applied himself diligently to his chosen calling and is now in the enjoyment of the prosperity which rewards well considered effort. He is a man of social character and is never happier than when in his family circle or when dispensing hospitality to friends and acquaintances. He and his family are sincere members of the Christian church and aim to be controlled by the principles of justice and brotherhood so clearly taught by the great Master.

THOMAS MAXWELL.

Probably one of the best known citizens of Muscatine county is Thomas Maxwell, who ever since his boyhood has been actively identified with agricultural interests and as president of the Conesville Savings Bank has gained an enviable reputation for financial sagacity. He is a native of Louisa county, Iowa, born July 3, 1862, a son of T. J. and Mary (Boggs) Maxwell, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Thomas Maxwell was reared under the favoring influences of a country home and attended the district schools, where he gained the foundation of an education which he has since greatly broadened by reading and observation. He continued at home until twenty-three years of age, when he began farming

on his own account on a part of the old homestead which he still occupies. He applied himself intelligently to his work and is now the owner of two hundred and twenty acres of good land in Muscatine county and twenty acres in Louisa county. He has made agriculture an art and science, and as he avails himself of modern methods and improved machinery, he conducts his work to the best advantage and secures the highest results. He was one of the organizers, in 1902, of the Conesville Savings Bank and as president of the institution has shown an ability as to investments which reflects the highest credit upon himself and those with whom he is associated.

On the 11th of March, 1886, Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Snyder, a native of Muscatine county and a daughter of John and Rosanna (Chapman) Snyder, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Ohio. The parents were married in the Buckeye state and came west in 1864, settling on a farm in Seventy-six township, Muscatine county. Mr. Snyder learned the carpenter's trade when a young man and followed that occupation until his death, which occurred February 26, 1907. His widow is still living and makes her home at Conesville. There were eleven children in their family, namely: Philander, now deceased; Belle, the wife of Alfred Ferry, of Howard, Kansas; Emma, now Mrs. Daniel McCleary, of Rock Island, Illinois; Josie, the wife of John Bowlby, of Davenport, Iowa; Simeon, deceased; Minnie, now Mrs. Thomas Maxwell; John, also deceased; Mary, the wife of Robert Maxwell, of Conesville; Allie, now Mrs. Chester Cecil, of Hedrick, Iowa; Jennie, now the wife of William Maxwell, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; and Elbert, of Conesville.

Three children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell: Roy Leverne, born June 12, 1887, was educated in the common and high schools; Maud J., at home, was born November 19, 1890, and received a high-school education; and Lorena M., who was born December 10, 1908, is also living at home. Roy Leverne Maxwell, the eldest child, continued at home until twenty-one years of age and then bought eighty acres of land, which he has greatly improved, demonstrating that he is a highly enterprising agriculturist. He was married March 11, 1909, to Miss Grace Leoda Yocum, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, November 3, 1889, a daughter of O. B. and Lizzie (McCullough) Yocum, both parents being natives of Iowa. They were married in this state and have ever since made their home on a farm in Johnson county. There were five children in their family, namely: Grace Leoda, now Mrs. Roy LeVerne Maxwell; Elsie V., Ray M., Roy M., and Kenneth Clayton, all of whom are at home. Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell have one child, Irma May, whose natal day was December 8, 1909. Roy L. Maxwell gives his support to the democratic party and fraternally is identified with the camp of Modern Woodmen of America at Conesville. He and his wife are faithful members of the Reformed church.

Thomas Maxwell gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and although he has not sought public office, he has served as township trustee, road supervisor and constable and also for twelve years as a member of the school board. He and his wife are both identified with the Reformed church and fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 365, I. O. O. F., of Columbus Junction

and Camp No. 8342 of the Modern Woodmen of America, at Conesville, being banker of the latter organization. He deserves the credit that is due to one who by industry and good management attains a responsible position among his fellowmen. Highly prosperous financially, the head of a happy family and respected by the entire community, he may truly be designated as a man upon whom fortune has smiled. He owes his success mainly, however, to his own sound judgment and well balanced mind—gifts more valuable than any which can be purchased with money regardless of the price that may be offered.

JAMES FANNING.

Among the respected representatives of the farming interests of Muscatine county who have passed from mortal view James Fanning occupies an honored place. He was for many years actively interested in the development of the county and acquired a reputation for integrity and fidelity to every trust which is a priceless heritage for his children. He was a native of Ireland, born January 7, 1829, and was a son of Patrick and Bridget (Murphy) Fanning, who were born on the Emerald isle and there passed their entire lives. They were the parents of ten children, two of whom are now living: Margaret, the widow of Michael Burns, of Cedar township; and Edward, of Idaho Falls, Idaho.

James Fanning was educated in the national schools and as he grew up assisted in the maintenance of the family. At twenty-four years of age he came to America and for eight years worked at such occupations as he could find, purchasing a farm in 1861 which became the family homestead. This place ultimately comprised one hundred and forty acres, being located on section 15, Cedar township. Mr. Fanning was very industrious and energetic, which combined with his good judgment made his farm produce a handsome annual revenue. In addition to devoting time to agriculture, he raised live stock, which he was able to send to the market in prime condition, thus commanding the best prices.

In February, 1856, Mr. Fanning was united in marriage to Miss Bridget Masterson, also a native of Ireland and a daughter of Alexander and Ann (Nolan) Masterson, who spent their entire lives in Ireland. Of their children, only one of whom is now living, Mrs. Stephen Glenn, of Marengo, Iowa. Those deceased are: Mary, John, Ann, Elizabeth, Jane, Andrew, Catherine and Bridget. Eight children came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fanning: Margaret, now living on the old homestead; Bridget, who died at the age of nine months; James E., also on the old homestead; Mary Ann, now Mrs. Patrick O'Toole, of Seventy-six township; Elizabeth, the wife of Charles Estle, of Louisa county, Iowa; Sarah, who died at the age of nine years; William, who died June 27, 1890, at the age of twenty-seven years; and John, on the old homestead. The beloved mother of these children was called from earthly scenes February 5, 1900, and the father's death occurred July 31, 1902. Their remains were interred side by side in the Catholic cemetery in Seventy-six township.

The homestead is now owned by John and his sister Margaret and is managed by them jointly. This place on account of its associations is dear to all surviving members of the family, as here they were reared and in the home they gained those lessons so necessary for the accomplishment of any worthy object in life. Mr. and Mrs. Fanning were staunch friends of education and their children were given the opportunity of a good common-school training. The parents lived and died in the faith of the Catholic church. Politically Mr. Fanning gave his adherence to the democratic party. He filled the office of township trustee for three years but his interest was mainly devoted to his family and his farm. He was a man of many genial traits, readily making friends, and he was never known to betray a trust. His name will long be revered by all who knew him.

ARTHUR CHARLES BRANDT.

Arthur Charles Brandt, a well known and representative resident of Muscatine, is numbered among the worthy native sons of this county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Sweetland township on the 29th of October, 1865. His father, Conrad Brandt, who was born in Hamburg, Germany, on the 23d of February, 1821, learned the cabinet-maker's trade and spent the first twenty-six years of his life in his native land. In 1847 he crossed the Atlantic to the United States and after traveling about the country for a year located in Muscatine, Iowa, where he worked as a cabinet maker for a number of years. Subsequently he purchased one hundred and sixty acres of land in Sweetland township, being successfully engaged in general agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest in August, 1906. He added to his holdings as his financial resources increased and at one time owned three hundred and twenty acres of land in Sweetland and Montpelier townships. The period of his residence in this county covered almost six decades and he enjoyed a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders.

Conrad Brandt was united in marriage to Mrs. Ernestine Blake Ziegler, a daughter of Michael and Catherine Blake, who were members of the Rapp Society at Economy, Beaver county, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Ziegler had three children by her first husband, namely: William, who is a resident of New York city; Frances Z. Shields, now living in California; and Barnhart, who died in infancy. William Ziegler erected the New Era church in Sweetland township, intended for use as a chapel or Sunday school and also for social purposes, and in 1910 the Brandt sisters built the New Era gymnasium as a memorial to William Ziegler. Both the church and the gymnasium are model buildings of their kind. Arthur Charles Brandt is one of a family of three sons and two daughters, his brothers and sisters being as follows: Emma C., who resides with her mother in Davenport, Iowa; George W., who is married and makes his home in Chicago; Edward, who is deceased; and Clara L., who is also with her mother. Mrs. Brandt has attained the ripe old age of ninety years.

Arthur C. Brandt supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the district schools, by a course of study in the Eastern Iowa Normal School, which

institution he attended from 1882 until 1884. In the summer of the latter year he went to Brooklyn, New York, there holding a position in the law office of W. J. Gaynor for about a year. From 1885 until 1887 he was employed as a traveling salesman by the firm of Brandt & Kinzler, dealers in bakers' and confectioners' supplies. In 1888 he returned to the home farm, purchasing the property about six years later and continuing to reside thereon until 1906. The place is now rented and the homestead is in charge of a care-taker, Mr. Brandt residing thereon only during the summer months. In 1906 he removed to Muscatine in order to give his children better educational advantages, and he is now interested in the real-estate business, owning land in Kansas, Texas and Canada besides his extensive holdings in Iowa.

On the 15th of May, 1889, in Muscatine, Mr. Brandt was united in marriage to Miss Ellen Green, a daughter of Dr. Jabez and Mary (Heath) Green. They now have two children, namely: Franzes Ziegler, who was born on the 3d of March, 1892, and will graduate from St. Mathias School in June, 1911; and Conrad Jabez, whose natal day was November 29, 1896, and who is now attending Todd's Seminary at Woodstock, Illinois.

Mr. Brandt has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite in Masonry and also belongs to the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise connected with Lodge No. 304 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a charter member of Eagle Lodge, No. 10, A. O. U. W. His life, in all of its various relations, has been of such a character as to command the respect and esteem of those with whom he has been associated.

JESS K. JAMES.

Jess K. James, the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and forty acres on section 3, Wapsinonoc township, is meeting with excellent results in his labors as an agriculturist. His birth occurred in Muscatine county on the 22d of August, 1878, his parents being Gad and Harriet (Kile) James, who reared a family of nine children, namely: George; Curtis; May, the wife of V. H. Birkett; Edwin; Bertha, the wife of Ben Bigsby; Jess K.; Clayton; Leota; and Warren.

Jess K. James attended the common schools of his native county in the acquirement of an education and remained under the parental roof until twenty-nine years of age. At that time he purchased the farm of one hundred and forty acres in Wapsinonoc township which has remained in his possession continuously since. He has brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and annually gathers rich crops which find a ready sale on the market.

On the 25th of September, 1908, Mr. James was united in marriage to Miss Edith Nichols, a daughter of George S. and Kate (Barkley) Nichols. Mrs. James was one of a family of three children, the others being Harry and Edna. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. James has supported

the men and measures of the republican party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. He has resided in Muscatine county from his birth to the present time and is widely recognized as one of its substantial agriculturists and representative citizens.

THOMAS NEWTON.

Thomas Newton, who resided within the borders of Muscatine county for more than a half century, was successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and owned three hundred and eighty-one acres of valuable land in Pike township at the time of his demise, which occurred January 12, 1904. He was born in Indiana, April 20, 1820, and was married in that state in March, 1846. Four years later he came to Iowa, arriving in Muscatine county on the 11th of November, 1850. During the first year of his residence here he was busily engaged in the cultivation of rented land, while subsequently he entered a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Pike township, the operation of which claimed his attention throughout the remainder of his life. At the time of his demise he owned three hundred and eighty-one acres of highly improved and productive land in Pike township, having extended the boundaries of his farm by additional purchase as his financial resources permitted. He was widely recognized as one of the successful and representative citizens of the community and his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. A record of his children is given below.

Philander Newton, the eldest, whose birth occurred in Wayne county, Indiana, on the 15th of March, 1847, was but three years of age when brought to this county by his parents. The old family homestead in Pike township has remained his place of residence continuously since with the exception of the period of eighteen months which he spent as a Union soldier in the Civil war. It was on the 17th of February, 1864, that he became a member of Company A, Eleventh Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which command he participated in the battles of Atlanta, Georgia, Kenesaw Mountain and Big Shanty and also in Sherman's march to the sea. Returning to Davenport, Iowa, he was there honorably discharged on the 25th of July, 1865. In association with others of his father's family he has since operated the home place in Muscatine county and the success which has attended his labors as an agriculturist indicates that his choice of a vocation was a wise one.

Waldo Newton was born in Indiana on the 27th of October, 1849, and has lived on the home farm in Pike township since his second year. Since early manhood he has managed and helped to improve the place in association with his brother Philander and sister Ida, the three children now owning the property.

Webster, whose natal year was 1856, remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. He has since lived in different counties of Iowa and now makes his home near Columbus Junction, this state, where he owns a farm.



MR. AND MRS. THOMAS NEWTON



Ida, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 30th of April, 1862, lived with her parents until they passed away and since that time has kept house for her two brothers on the old homestead place. She owns a third interest in the property, which comprises three hundred and eighty-one acres of rich and arable land.

Thompson, the fifth living child, was born May 15, 1865, on the homestead in Pike township and is still living on a farm in that township. Jesse, the next in order of birth, was born on the same place, June 14, 1867, and now resides at Atkinson, Nebraska. Angeline died in infancy, and Warner when in his seventeenth year.

In politics Thomas Newton was a republican but his aspirations were not in the line of office holding. The cause of education, however, found in him a warm friend and he served as a member of the school board for a time. He passed away January 12, 1904, having for a number of years survived his wife, who was called to her final rest June 26, 1891. They were Universalists in religious faith and were both laid to rest in the Watkins cemetery of Pike township. Mr. Newton lived to attain the age of almost eighty-four years and his career was at all times upright and honorable.

ALBERT RATHJEN.

Agricultural interests have characterized the efforts of Albert Rathjen during the years of his connection with business affairs, and a well improved farm of one hundred and seventy-seven acres, of which he is now the owner, pays tribute to the care and labor bestowed upon it. Iowa numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in Hickory Grove township, Scott county, on the 14th of September, 1880. His father, Charles Rathjen, was born in Scott county, where his entire life has been spent, his attention being devoted to the occupation of farming. He was twice married. He first wedded Matilda Eichner, also a native of Scott county, and they became the parents of two children: Helena, the wife of Jens C. Jensen, of California; and Albert, of this review. After the death of his first wife the father was again married and by his second union had three children.

Reared amid the busy activities of the farm, no event of special importance came to vary the routine of life for Albert Rathjen during the period of his boyhood and youth, which he devoted to the acquirement of an education in the district schools near his home and to assisting his father in the work of the fields. He early became familiar with the tasks that usually fall to the lot of the country lad and as his years and strength increased the work grew more and more important and his responsibilities increased so that when he entered business life on his own account he was thoroughly equipped to take up an independent business venture. He remained at home until about eight years ago, when he left the parental roof to carve out his own future. He first took up farming on rented land about three miles southeast of Stockton, in Fulton township, and was so successful in the undertaking that by the year 1905 the capital

which he had been able to accumulate was sufficient to purchase a place of his own and on the 1st of April of that year he became the owner of his present property, to which he removed in the following spring and which is now his home. It is a tract of one hundred and seventy-seven acres located on section 13, Montpelier township, and its present fine condition is due almost entirely to the efforts of Mr. Rathjen. He has placed many improvements upon the farm, which in its well kept appearance bears evidence to the fact that his diligence has been unfaltering and his methods of a most practical character. He engages in general farming and stock-raising, and both branches of his business are proving profitable, owing to the fact that the thorough knowledge which he early acquired concerning the best methods of carrying on agriculture has been supplemented by a keen business sagacity and close application to the work before him, and although he is numbered among the younger residents, he has already gained a most creditable place for himself among the substantial and progressive farmers of the community.

On the 2d of December, 1903, Mr. Rathjen was united in marriage to Miss Alvena Schiesser, a native of Hickory Grove township, Scott county, where her birth occurred on the 7th of January, 1883. Her parents, Theodore and Mary (Hendricks) Schiesser, still make their home in Hickory Grove township. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Rathjen have been born four children, but the eldest, Paul Theodore, passed away at the age of two and one-half years. The surviving members of the family are Neola, Ella and Adeline.

A stanch believer in democratic principles, Mr. Rathjen has kept himself well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is an active and influential worker in the party organizations. He does not care for public recognition, however, as a reward for party fealty, preferring that his service should be that of a private citizen rather than the politician. He warmly advocates all measures which pertain to the general welfare and progress and is recognized as one of the substantial and public-spirited citizens of the community.

GEORGE FOSTER.

George Foster, widely known as a prosperous agriculturist and respected citizen, is the owner of a well improved farm of two hundred acres in Pike township and also has considerable property in West Liberty. His birth occurred in Ohio on the 1st of September, 1846, his parents being Wilder and Mary (McKelop) Foster. The father was a native of Vermont and the mother was of Scotch descent. After their marriage they took up their abode in Ohio, where Mrs. Foster passed away in 1848. In 1856 Mr. Foster journeyed westward, settling in Iowa City, Iowa, where he lived with one of his sons for several years. He then removed to Nebraska and there spent the remainder of his life. Unto him and his wife were born ten children, two of whom are yet living, namely: Mrs. Van B. Mills, who is a resident of West Liberty, Iowa; and George, of this review.

The latter remained with his father until a youth of thirteen and since that early age has made his own way in the world. On leaving the parental roof he went to live with his brother, working by the month as a farm hand for three years. In 1862 he joined the boys in blue of Company F, Twenty-second Iowa Volunteer Infantry, under command of Captain A. B. Cree, of Iowa City. His first colonel was ex-Governor Stone, for whom he cast his first vote at the age of seventeen years. He participated in the engagements of Fort Gibson, Mississippi, Champion's Hill and Black River Bridge, took part in the siege of Vicksburg and was in the battles of Jackson, Mississippi, and Winchester, Fishers Hill and Cedar Creek, Virginia. He likewise went with Sheridan on his famous ride. On the 25th of July, 1865, he was honorably discharged, returning to Iowa City with a most creditable military record. Thence he came to Muscatine county, here working by the month for a season, while during the following year he was employed by Dan Doer. In 1867 he was married and started out as an agriculturist on his own account, cultivating rented land for a short time. He then bought one hundred and twenty acres of his present farm in Pike township and subsequently made an additional purchase of eighty acres, so that his holdings now embrace two hundred acres of well improved and highly cultivated land. His property has been developed in keeping with the most progressive ideas of modern agriculture and he annually gathers bounteous harvests. He also owns thirty-three lots and a fine residence in West Liberty and well merits the prosperity which he now enjoys, as it is attributable entirely to his own efforts.

On the 22d of November, 1867, Mr. Foster was united in marriage to Miss Alice Stotler, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1848, her parents being Peter and Sarah (Stauffer) Stotler, likewise natives of the Keystone state, where they were married. On removing westward they settled on a farm in Pike township, Muscatine county, and a short time later went to Adams Station, where they lived for a brief period, Mr. Stotler cultivating rented land for a year. He then entered eighty acres of the farm which is now in possession of our subject and devoted his attention to its operation throughout the remainder of his life. His demise occurred on the 28th of February, 1874, while his wife was called to her final rest in March, 1854. They had eleven children, four of whom are yet living, as follows: Mrs. Katherine Perry, of Cedar Valley, Iowa; Mrs. Mary E. Davis, who makes her home in Atalissa, Iowa; John C., living in this county; and Mrs. Foster. The last named became the mother of three children, namely: John E., a high school graduate, who is married and lives on a farm near the homestead place; Mattie E., who follows the profession of school teaching; and one who died in infancy.

Though he has no desire for the honors and emoluments of public office, Mr. Foster has served as a member of the school board for thirty years, being a warm friend of the cause of education. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, which was the defense of the Union during the dark days of the Civil war. He belongs to the local post of the Grand Army of the Republic and thus still maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

He is truly a self-made man and deserves much credit for what he has accomplished. It is the men who are self-reliant and industrious and who depend upon their own resources who are real factors in a community's upbuilding, and to this class Mr. Foster belongs.

GEORGE W. JONES.

By undaunted perseverance George W. Jones overcame many obstacles and today is the owner of a farm in Cedar township, Muscatine county, that promises to make him independent for the remainder of his days. In attaining the fortunate condition he has now reached, Mr. Jones climbed from the bottom of the ladder. He was fearless and self-reliant, difficulties only serving to nerve him to renew the effort. He is a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, born November 29, 1867, and is a son of Henry and Theresa (Wagner) Jones. The father was a native of Pennsylvania, and the mother of Ohio. The former departed this life January 12, 1884, and the latter five years later, March 27, 1889. There were eight children in their family, five of whom are now living, our subject being the youngest. The others are: Lottie, now living in Ohio; Clara, the wife of Daniel Bodeker, of Dayton, Ohio; Laura, now Mrs. Clay Crow, of Fullerton, California; and Edith, the wife of Charles Campbell, also of Fullerton.

George W. Jones received the rudiments of an education in the common schools of his native state, to which he has largely added by observation and experience. He remained at home until he was twenty-one years of age and then began working in a boiler shop, where he continued for six years. In 1892 he decided to seek his fortune in the west and accordingly came to Iowa, where he worked for several years as a farm hand. Having acquired a good knowledge of agriculture and stock-raising, he rented land for one year and in 1900 purchased the place on which he now lives. It comprises eighty-four acres, all of which is well improved, and the air of prosperity and order that prevails about the farm indicates that its owner gives close attention to his business.

On the 1st of December, 1897, Mr. Jones was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Verink, who was born in Cedar township, Muscatine county, September 11, 1862. She is the daughter of Maness and Clara (Narvis) Verink, both natives of Holland. They came to America in childhood with their respective parents, who settled permanently in Muscatine county, Iowa. Here the young people grew up and were married, establishing their home in Cedar township. The mother passed away in 1899, but the father is still living on the home farm. Their family circle comprised ten children, four of whom are now living, namely: Mrs. William Freers, of Muscatine; J. A., also of Muscatine; Mrs. Seneca Finn, of Shenandoah, Iowa; and Sarah, now Mrs. Jones. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jones, the eldest of whom, Clifford, died in infancy. Merrill A., the second in order of birth, was born August 7, 1901; and Floyd Vernon, was born July 13, 1905. Mrs. Jones is a woman of good education, having received her mental training not only in the public schools but in the business college at Muscatine.

Mr. Jones gives his adherence to the republican party and for two years served as member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at Letts, Iowa. He and his family are connected with the Christian church and are staunch upholders of its teachings. Throughout his career Mr. Jones has been recognized as a man of unimpeachable integrity and one who was always to be depended upon to assist in any worthy enterprise aiming to advance the general welfare. Having made good use of his opportunities, he is a striking example of the application of industry to worthy ends, and it is scarcely necessary to add that he has the respect of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

ROBERT BOYCE.

The cause of Christianity has an earnest and able advocate in Robert Boyce, of Cedar township. In addition to officiating as a minister of the Christian church he has charge of a well improved farm which he has acquired through his capable management. He was born at Lebanon, Illinois, December 3, 1871, and is a son of George and Nancy L. (Justice) Boyce, the former a native of England and the latter of Tennessee. George Boyce came to America with his parents when six years of age and was reared in this country, being married at Lebanon, Illinois, where he and his wife have since lived with the exception of two short periods. They have each arrived at the age of sixty-six years, and of their children six are now living, namely: William N. and George W., of Illinois; Robert, our subject; Addie, the wife of George Owens, of Illinois; Sarah, now Mrs. Elmer Conklin, of Illinois; and Nora, the wife of William Stebbins, also of Illinois.

Robert Boyce received his preliminary education in the public schools and remained at home until eighteen years of age, when he became identified with the ministry of the Christian church, with which he has ever since been actively connected. He pursued his education in the high school and also at Palmer College of Le Grand, Iowa, the first three years of his work there being evangelical in character and the last three years being in the regular college course. As a minister he has officiated at various points, but in 1902 he located upon a farm in Cedar township, which he has increased by purchase until he now owns one hundred and ten acres under a high degree of cultivation. In addition to managing his farm very successfully he attends to his ministerial duties and is therefore one of the busiest men in this region.

On the 31st of January, 1894, Mr. Boyce was united in marriage to Miss Emma B. Peppel, who was born near Lone Tree, Johnson county, Iowa, May 29, 1875, and is a daughter of George J. and Frances (Hawthorne) Peppel, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. The mother came to Iowa about 1840 and the father in 1852. He engaged in farming in this county until his retirement in 1909 and since that time he and his wife have made their home with the subject of this review. Four children constituted their family: Nettie Hamilton, now of Shenandoah, Iowa; Emma B., now Mrs. Boyce; James,

who died at the age of twenty-eight years; and Florence, who died at the age of two months. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce also has been blessed by the arrival of four children, namely: Ethel E., born November 22, 1894, who departed this life January 13, 1895; Ruth Marie, born December 31, 1898; Paul L., born March 20, 1901; and George Victor, born April 9, 1903.

Politically Mr. Boyce votes for the man rather than the party. He has not sought public office but served with general acceptance as assessor of Cedar township for one term. Fraternally he is identified with Abner Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Lone Tree. He was born with an unusual capacity for application and ever since arriving at the age of discernment has been remarkably energetic mentally and physically. He acquired a good education, thus preparing himself for the responsibilities of the ministry, and he also gained a practical knowledge of farming, by which he has been able to maintain his family in good circumstances and to add steadily to his financial resources. "Seest thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings." Such a man is the gentleman whose life record is here briefly presented. An honor to his family, Mr. Boyce is to be congratulated on the example he has set as a fair, upright, capable, energetic and progressive citizen.

ROBERT MAXWELL.

A native of Muscatine county, Robert Maxwell, of Orono township, has assisted in the important work of developing the resources of this section and is today one of the prosperous and highly respected men of the county. He was born September 19, 1867, a son of Thomas J. and Mary (Boggs) Maxwell, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Educated in the common schools, Robert Maxwell grew up under conditions highly favorable for an honorable and successful career. He continued with his parents until after his marriage and then began farming upon his own account on a part of his father's place, conducting his affairs in such a way as to produce very satisfactory returns. Since the death of his father Mr. Maxwell of this review has owned the family homestead and lives in Louisa county. His farm embraces one hundred and forty-seven acres of well improved land, which he has brought to a high state of productiveness. He carries on general farming and is also a stock-raiser of established reputation, who handles a good grade of animals and generally succeeds in receiving the best prices offered in the market.

On the 25th of December, 1890, Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage to Miss Mary Snyder, a native of Muscatine county and a daughter of John and Rosanna (Chapman) Snyder, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Ohio. They were married in the Buckeye state and came west in 1864, locating in Muscatine county, Iowa. The father was a carpenter and followed his trade after arriving in this county, at the same time managing his farm. He passed away February 26, 1907, but Mrs. Snyder is still living and makes her home at Conesville, having reached the age of seventy-three years.

There were eleven children in their family, namely: Philander, now deceased; Belle; Emma; Josie; Simeon, deceased; Minnie; John, deceased; Mary; Allie; Jennie and Elbert. Three children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell, the first of whom died in infancy, the others being: Verda, who was born December 13, 1894, and has received a good common-school education; and Forrest, born October 25, 1898. Mrs. Maxwell is a lady of fine mental accomplishments, having in her girlhood received the advantages of education in a high school.

Mr. Maxwell by an honorable and upright life has won the confidence of a wide circle of friends, and his home is one of the hospitable gathering places of the neighborhood. He and his family are valued members of the Reformed church. Politically he is allied with the democratic party, believing that in supporting the principles and candidates of that party he assists in advancing the permanent interests of the state and nation. He has not aspired to public office but has served with great acceptance as township trustee and also as a member of the school board.

M. PARKER McKEOWN.

M. Parker McKeown, a well known farmer of Cedar township, where he has made his home for more than twenty years, was born in Des Moines county, Iowa, December 1, 1852. He is a son of John and Annie (Parker) McKeown, who came with their parents from Ireland to America in their childhood, living first in Ohio and later in Iowa. They were married in Des Moines county and there continued until their deaths. The father at one time was the owner of two hundred and eighty acres of land, all of which he divided among his children except forty acres that he owned at the time of his death. He was a man of many fine qualities and a great lover of his family. Of the eleven children comprising the home circle two died in infancy, the others being: Sarah, now of Mediapolis, Iowa; James, who lives near Morning Sun, Iowa; Mary, now deceased; M. Parker, our subject; John, who lives near Perry City, Oklahoma; Samantha, of Mediapolis; Emma, of Burlington, Iowa; Ira, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Albert, of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Reared on the home farm, M. Parker McKeown early became familiar with the labors of the field. He was educated in the country schools, gaining the foundation upon which he has been enabled to build successfully until he is now a man of good general information. He continued at home until twenty-one years of age and then worked for wages for a short time, after which he came to Conesville, Muscatine county, and purchased one hundred and eighty acres of land. There he lived until 1888, when he sold out and removed to Cedar township, acquiring fifty-seven acres, the nucleus of the well improved farm of two hundred and seventeen acres which he now owns. He is also the owner of property on East Hill, Muscatine, and his wife owns one hundred and sixty acres of good farming land in Orono township. By close attention to his business Mr. McKeown has attained a gratifying measure of success.

On the 12th of January, 1881, Mr. McKeown was united in marriage to Miss Rhoda E. Lord, who was born in Muscatine county, May 7, 1851. She is a daughter of Richard and Jane (Smalley) Lord, the mother having been born in Ohio, October 27, 1822, and the father in Connecticut, January 10, 1809. They were married in Iowa in 1840 and settled on a farm in Muscatine county, where Mr. Lord made his home for about forty years. He was called from earthly scenes in 1886, while his wife died in 1857. Of the nine children in their family, three are now living: Katie, of Conesville; Rhoda E., now Mrs. McKeown; and Richard, Jr., of Nichols, Iowa. Those deceased are: Andrew, Albert, Edwin, Byron, Manza and Herman. Two children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. McKeown: Ada R., born October 14, 1883; and Albert G., April 8, 1886.

Politically Mr. McKeown adheres to the republican party and heartily supports its principles. He has served with general acceptance as justice of the peace. He and his wife are affiliated with the United Brethren church, being active workers in its behalf and also in all worthy causes for the welfare of others. Mrs. McKeown is a graduate of the Muscatine high school and for nine years before her marriage taught school, becoming recognized as one of the thoroughly capable and progressive teachers of the county. She is a woman of many attractive qualities of mind and heart.

C. RICHARD CHOWN.

When the names of active and enterprising farmers of Orono township are mentioned that of C. Richard Chown is never omitted. He is recognized as a man who aims to keep abreast of the times. His farm of one hundred and sixty-two acres is one of the most productive of its size in the township, and as it is supplied with the best facilities for cultivating and harvesting the crops the results are generally very satisfactory. Mr. Chown is a native of Muscatine county, born May 2, 1869, and is a son of William and Harriet (Masters) Chown. The father was born in Devonshire, England, and the mother in Coshocton county, Ohio. They were married in Lake township, Muscatine county, Iowa, and soon after their marriage Mr. Chown purchased a small farm in this county, which he cultivated for several years, then removing to Orono township, where he continued until his retirement in 1890 to Conesville. The mother passed away August 3, 1906, and the father January 15, 1910. There were three children in their family, namely: C. Richard, the subject of this review; Mary, the wife of W. Daniels of Conesville; and Eliza, now Mrs. Edward Wolford, of Louisa county.

C. Richard Chown was educated in the district schools of Muscatine county and as he grew up became acquainted under his father with the details of agriculture and stock-raising. He continued under the parental roof until twenty-one years of age and then began farming on his own account and is now the owner of a place of one hundred and sixty-two acres. He has used good judgment and his farm is well improved, and the buildings, fences and machinery

are kept in excellent repair, indicating that the owner gives thoughtful attention to his work and, therefore, receives the just recompense for the time and labor expended.

On the 24th of December, 1891, Mr. Chown was united in marriage to Miss Anna Laura Wolford, a native of Louisa county, Iowa, and a daughter of S. C. and Elizabeth (Vanhorn) Wolford, who were both born in Ohio. They came west with their respective parents, who settled in Iowa, and they were married in Muscatine county. Mr. Wolford engaged in farming in this county until his retirement in 1905, since which time he and his wife have lived at Lone Tree, Johnson county. To them six children were born, namely: William, now a farmer of Louisa county; Edward, also engaged in farming in Louisa county; Anna Laura, now the wife of C. Richard Chown; Dora, now Mrs. Joe Corbet, of Lone Tree; Charley, of Louisa county; and Essie, wife of Arthur Rife, of Lone Tree. Eleven children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Chown: Myrtle L., who was born December 2, 1892, and was educated in the high school; Ernest V., who was born June 23, 1894, and was educated in the common schools; Charles Russel, born October 20, 1895; Alvin, who was born September 10, 1897, and died at the age of one year; Richard V., born March 11, 1899; Opal, who was born October 8, 1901, and died at the age of eight months; Elma, born February 8, 1903; Nita M., born April 13, 1904; Lelia M., who was born July 18, 1905, and died at the age of sixteen months; Ruth, who was born April 3, 1907, and died at the age of two and one-half years; and Lester D., born August 31, 1908. Those living are still at home.

Even at the beginning of his business career Mr. Chown gave evidence of ability as a farmer and years have demonstrated that the favorable prophecies then made concerning the results of his work were entirely true. He possesses the characteristics that attract friends and is recognized as one of the useful citizens of his section. Politically he is identified with the republican party and has served for the past four years most acceptably as president of the school board. Fraternally, he holds membership in the camp of Modern Woodmen of America at Conesville, of which he is one of the managers, and also in the Odd Fellows lodge at Columbus Junction. He and his estimable wife are members of the Reformed church of Conesville.

SAMUEL B. SNYDER.

A brave soldier of the Civil war and a patriotic and progressive citizen in times of peace, Samuel B. Snyder, of Cedar township, may justly be regarded as worthy of a place among the respected men of Iowa. He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, February 7, 1844, and is a son of Jacob J. and Catherine (Beardshear) Snyder, the former a native of Pennsylvania and the latter of Virginia. The parents were married in Montgomery county, Ohio, and remained in the Buckeye state for several years. Coming west in March, 1853, they settled in Muscatine county, Iowa, and established their home upon a farm of eighty acres which Mr. Snyder purchased in Seventy-six township. After

fifteen years of active labor the father retired but still continued to live upon the homestead, where he departed this life November 25, 1882. The mother passed away October 5, 1893. Mr. Snyder was very successful as a farmer and acquired five hundred and sixty acres of land, four hundred and eighty acres of which he divided among his children, giving each of them a fair start in life. Eighty acres of his land he disposed of by sale. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Snyder, two of whom are now living, namely: Samuel B., our subject; and Joseph M., of Panora, Guthrie county, Iowa. Those deceased are: Caroline, William, Mary, John, Abraham, George and Anna.

Samuel B. Snyder was reared upon the home farm and remained with his parents until he was eighteen years of age, when he responded to the call of President Lincoln on the 12th of August, 1862, and enlisted in Company F, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He went with his regiment to the front and participated in many important battles and movements of the war. He was present at the battles of Raymond, Jackson and Black River, Mississippi, and took part in the siege of Vicksburg and the Red River expedition, later being with his regiment in the battles of Tupelo and Nashville, the latter being one of the important engagements of the war. He performed his duties faithfully to the end and was honorably discharged from service June 13, 1865. After a short visit to Muscatine county he spent one year in Ohio and then returned to this county, where he took charge of a part of his father's farm, of which he later became the owner. In 1885 he disposed of this property and purchased land in Cedar township, being now the owner of two hundred and sixty acres, which he has improved and converted into one of the most valuable landed possessions of its size in the county. Being a man of energy and good judgment, he early attained a position as one of the leaders in the community and although he is now living retired his advice is frequently sought by many friends and acquaintances.

On the 25th of December, 1867, Mr. Snyder was united in marriage to Miss Sarah B. Jones, of Ohio, a daughter of Henry and Theresa (Wagner) Jones. The parents were married in Ohio and spent their lives in the Buckeye state. Their family included eight children: Edith, now living in California; Laura, also of California; Clara and Charlotte, both of Ohio; Walter, of Muscatine county; Elizabeth, who died at twelve years of age; John W., who died in the Klondike, April 5, 1905; and Sarah B. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Snyder was brightened by the birth of three children. Bertha E., born December 11, 1868, was educated in the common schools and is the wife of J. F. Hankins, of Cedar township. Jacob H. was born January 13, 1874, and now lives at Muscatine, Iowa.

Leo E. Snyder, the youngest of the family, was born in Muscatine county, June 17, 1882. He remained at home until nineteen years of age and then worked for the farmers of the neighborhood for one year. Upon arriving at manhood he began farming on the homestead, where he has since remained, being now in charge of one hundred acres which he has cultivated thoroughly, gaining highly satisfactory results. On October 28, 1902, he was united in marriage to Miss S. Ellen Coder, who was born in Muscatine county, Iowa, a daughter of John and Eliza (Fry) Coder. Her father is a native of Ohio and her

mother of Pennsylvania. They were married in Muscatine county and are now living retired. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Coder six children were born, namely: Brunetta, Roa, Chester, William, Lillie and S. Ellen. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Snyder: Hazel Marie, born March 28, 1905; Harold J., December 27, 1908; and Ethel Brunette born March 22, 1911. The mother of these children, who was a graduate of the high school of Letts, and taught school for three years previous to her marriage, died April 11, 1911. She was a consistent member of the Christian church, to which her husband also belongs and both were active workers in behalf of the church and of the community in which they lived.

The beloved wife of Samuel B. Snyder was summoned from earthly scenes May 24, 1904. The loss of his companion was the greatest affliction Mr. Snyder has ever known but he is a sincere believer in the Christian religion and has been sustained by the promises of divine writ. He is a faithful member of the Christian church and has for many years served as deacon and trustee, at the present time being superintendent of the Sunday school in Cedar township. Politically he gives his adherence to the republican party and served for six years as constable, also filling the offices of township trustee and member of the school board. He affiliates with the Grand Army of the Republic and no man is more highly respected in Muscatine county than the subject of this review.

CHESTER M. ESTLE.

At an age when most men are just fairly starting in their business career Chester M. Estle has become well established and is recognized as one of the successful farmers of Muscatine county. He has been closely connected with agricultural interests since his earliest recollection, and, having natural talent for those lines, he experienced little difficulty in arriving at the responsible position he now occupies. He was born in Louisa county, Iowa, July 24, 1880, and is a son of Jacob and Rebecca (Miller) Estle, both natives of Cedar township, Muscatine county. The parents were married in Muscatine in 1877 and the mother passed away about ten years later. There were three children in the family: Thomas L.; Daisy, who died at the age of seven years; and Chester M., our subject. The father was married a second time, the lady of his choice being Miss Mary Lewin, of Iowa. By this union three children were born: Hazel S., William H. and Jacob F., all of whom are living in Iowa. Mr. Estle has devoted his attention with marked success to farming and is now living on his place of one hundred and forty-four acres in Louisa county. He also owns forty acres of good land in Johnson county, Iowa.

Chester M. Estle was reared under the protection of the parental roof and continued with his father until twenty-five years of age. Even as a boy he evinced unusual interest in everything pertaining to agriculture and stock-raising, and as he grew up he gave evidence of practical ability that has yielded most gratifying returns. After his marriage he began farming on his own account and is now the owner of a beautiful place of three hundred and thirty-

five acres in Cedar township, and also of two hundred and twenty-five acres in Johnson and Louisa counties. He is recognized as a man of excellent judgment—one possessing the qualities that are most essential in the accomplishment of success in any laudable undertaking.

On the 21st of March, 1906, Mr. Estle was united in marriage to Miss Mayme E. Bell, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, April 19, 1885, daughter of John and Susan (Kane) Bell. Her parents are both natives of Ireland and came to America in 1876. They were married in Massachusetts and removed to Iowa in 1880, settling on a farm in Johnson county. Mr. Bell is now the owner of five hundred acres of well improved land and is one of the substantial and progressive men of his county. There were eleven children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Bell, two of whom, Stuart and William, died in infancy, and John A. died at the age of seventeen years. Other members of the family were: James H., Mayme E., now the wife of our subject, Susan J., Charles S., William, Annie R., Margaret and John. One child, Mabel, born October 6, 1907, has come to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Estle.

Mr. Estle gives his adherence to the republican party and although he has not sought public office, he served as township clerk for two years. His estimable wife is a valued member of the Reformed church. Mr. Estle has many friends and never fails to command the esteem and regard of all who come in contact with him.

WILLIAM MAXWELL.

By his thrift and industry William Maxwell has provided for himself and family and now owns a farm of two hundred and five acres in Orono township, which he has developed into one of the valuable places of this section of the state. Born in Muscatine county, March 28, 1873, he is a son of T. J. and Mary (Boggs) Maxwell, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work.

Educated in the district schools, William Maxwell remained at home until twenty-five years of age, devoting his attention after laying his books aside to agriculture and stock-raising. He began farming on his own account on eighty acres in Orono township, which is a portion of the land that he now owns. It is all finely improved except forty acres which are in timber. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and spares no pains in his work, thus producing the best results possible. He is regarded by his neighbors as a thorough farmer and a survey of his place corroborates this estimate, everything about it being in splendid order.

On the 23d of December, 1896, Mr. Maxwell was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Snyder, who was born in Muscatine county, April 13, 1878, a daughter of John and Rosanna (Chapman) Snyder, the former of whom was born in Germany and the latter in Ohio. Mr. Snyder became a farmer of Muscatine county, Iowa. He was, however, a carpenter by trade and devoted the main years of his life to that occupation. He passed away in February, 1907, but Mrs. Snyder is still living and makes her home at Conesville. There were the

following children in their family: Philander and Simeon, both deceased; Belle, the wife of Alfred Ferry, of Howard, Kansas; Emma, now Mrs. Daniel McCleary, of Rock Island, Illinois; Josie, the wife of John Bowlby, of Davenport, Iowa; Minnie, the wife of Thomas Maxwell, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; John, deceased; Mary, the wife of Robert Maxwell, whose sketch is presented on another page of this work; Allie, now Mrs. Chester Cecil, of Hedrick, Iowa; and Jennie, now Mrs. William Maxwell. Three children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell: Hazel A., who was born May 6, 1897; Willie H., born September 8, 1900; and Russell, born June 3, 1903.

Mr. Maxwell possesses many of the sterling traits that assist so materially in building up a reputable character, and as he is a man of observation and clear judgment, he has made steady progress from the very beginning of his business career. He is clearly one of the substantial and enterprising citizens of Muscatine county—a man whose life has reflected credit not only upon himself and family but upon the community of which he is an honored member. He and his family are identified with the Reformed church. Politically he supports the democratic party and for two years past has served as township trustee and member of the school board. Fraternally he affiliates with Lodge No. 8342, M. W. A., of Conesville.

J. ROY WILHELME.

After years of persistent labor J. Roy Wilhelme, now of Muscatine county, gained a fair start as a farmer and at the present time is the owner of a beautiful place of two hundred acres which he acquired through his own exertions. No clearer example of the result of good judgment and wisely applied industry is to be found anywhere than that presented in his life. He was born in Iowa, December 31, 1865, and is a son of Nicholas and Louisa (Huffmeister) Wilhelme, both of whom were born in Germany. The parents came to America in their childhood and after their marriage, which took place in Muscatine county, they became identified with farming interests. The father departed this life in Montpelier township but the mother is now living in Muscatine, having attained the age of sixty-seven years. They were the parents of nine children, seven of whom are now living, namely: J. Roy, our subject; Katie E., born March 26, 1868; Frank A., January 4, 1870; Henry W., January 16, 1873; Millie M., February 10, 1876; Louisa A., September 25, 1881; and Myrtle B., February 13, 1884. Of the two members of the home circle now deceased Clara was born February 27, 1872, and George W., November 18, 1878.

The subject of this review remained at the parental home until he reached the age of eighteen years, in the meantime having acquired a fair education in the district school and having also obtained a practical knowledge of agricultural pursuits, which has been of very great benefit to him in the years that have passed. He began life for himself as a farm hand and after an experience of seven years along that line he rented land for five years, cultivating it so as-

siduously that he was enabled to purchase a part of the place which he now owns. In 1907 he removed to Muscatine, where he lived for two years, but then returned to the farm, upon which he has made many improvements, supplying it with all necessary accessories, and as a result of his care and labor he gathers each year abundant harvests. He owes a large part of his success to the skilful handling and feeding of stock.

On the 2d of March, 1891, Mr. Wilhelme was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. McMichael, who was born in Muscatine county in 1866 and is a daughter of Joseph and Ann Eliza (Snyder) McMichael. The father was born in Londonderry, Ireland, and the mother in the region of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. McMichael came to America in 1850 and was married in Iowa, engaging for many years actively as a farmer in Muscatine county. He died in May, 1907. Mrs. McMichael remained upon the homestead for two years and then removed to Muscatine, where she died in 1909, at the age of sixty-seven years. There were five children in their family, namely: Catherine R., born July 7, 1861; Ava E., September 1, 1864; Martha A.; Caroline E., born September 13, 1868; and Erma A., who was born October 23, 1877, and passed away three years later. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelme two children have been born: Ora M., born November 17, 1897; and Lela V., September 21, 1901.

Mr. Wilhelme has devoted his attention mainly to his business and has mixed little in political affairs, but he gives his support to the republican party, whose principles he accepts as best adapted to advance the permanent interests of the state and nation. He keeps well informed as to general events and is known as one of the intelligent thinking men of the county. He and his family are members in good standing of the United Brethren church.

J. F. HANKINS.

The record of J. F. Hankins, who is now the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Muscatine county, presents a remarkable instance of successful perseverance in the face of the gravest obstacles. It is proof that "where there is a will there is a way," as all difficulties disappear before a courage that yields not to them. Mr. Hankins was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, on the 19th of November, 1867, and is a son of Thomas and Elmina (Haner) Hankins, the former of whom was born in Maryland and the latter in New York state. They were married in Ohio and there continued during the remainder of their lives, the mother passing away January 28, 1875, and the father June 22 of the same year. There were six children in their family, four of whom are now living, namely: G. W., a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work; Louis, of Texas; William, of Ohio; and J. F. Amelia died at thirteen and Mary at three years of age.

At the tender age of seven years the subject of this review was deprived by death of his parents and was given into the care of a heartless guardian, who instead of acting as his protector sent him from place to place to work for his board and clothing. This he was obliged to do until he was sixteen years of age,

when he began to work for wages by the month. Even as a boy he showed unusual ambition and energy and at eighteen years of age he began renting land on his own account. He carefully saved his earnings and three years later purchased eighty acres in Cedar township, later acquiring ninety acres more and developing his farm until it has become one of the valuable properties in that part of the county. He carries on general farming and stock-raising and is able to deliver his cattle and hogs in fine condition at the market. The neat and attractive appearance of his place indicates that he gives to it careful attention and the revenue which he derives from his labor is year by year steadily increasing.

On the 6th of March, 1889, Mr Hankins was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Snyder, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah B. (Jones) Snyder, of Muscatine county, a record of whom appears elsewhere in this work. Three children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Hankins, all of whom are at home; Fannie B., born January 19, 1890, who is a graduate of the normal school of Muscatine and has been successfully engaged in teaching for four years; Letha C., who was born December 8, 1892, and was educated in the common schools; and Gertrude A., born November 5, 1898.

Mr. Hankins enjoys the happiness experienced only by those who have won prosperity through their own exertions. His success should encourage others who are obliged to depend upon their own resources. Energetic, self-reliant and at all times governed by a sound judgment, he steadily forged his way to the position which he now holds as one of the substantial citizens of the county.

GEORGE H. WARD.

George H. Ward, who was well known in Cedar and Muscatine counties as a patriotic and progressive citizen, was summoned from earthly scenes August 1, 1905, and the entire community mourned his death. He was during the last fifteen years of his life a resident of West Liberty and attracted many friends by his gentlemanly and genial manner.

A native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, he was born February 28, 1838, a son of Captain William and Mary (McCoy) Ward, who were also born in Pennsylvania. He was a member of a family of seven children and was given good advantages of education, so that upon reaching manhood he was well prepared to enter the battle of life. At nineteen years of age he was married and became identified with his father in the real-estate business, continuing in that line at Pittsburg until 1880, when he removed to Cedar county, Iowa. After spending ten years in Cedar county, in the meantime purchasing a farm of eighty acres, he built a handsome residence at West Liberty and there established his home, living there during the remainder of his life. His remains were interred in Allegheny cemetery at Pittsburg. He was a man of unusual intelligence, good powers of observation and discrimination and unexceptionable character, easily occupying a prominent position wherever he was known.

In 1857 Mr. Ward was united in marriage to Miss Loretta Lamborn, who was born at Pittsburg, February 28, 1840, a daughter of George J. and Jane (Jordan) Lamborn, both natives of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Ward was one of a family of five children, four of whom are now living. She still makes her home at West Liberty but spends the winters in Florida on account of the advantages of climate. She is a member of the Methodist church, as was her husband, and has been a liberal contributor in behalf of religion and philanthropy. She was instrumental in the erection of an addition to the church at West Liberty, which cost seventeen thousand dollars and presented the church with a pipe organ which cost two thousand dollars. She also bore the expense of the erection of a tabernacle at Khandwa, India, and has assisted in numberless ways in forwarding the dissemination of the Christian religion. She is the owner of a store building and two fine residences in West Liberty and half a million dollars worth of property in Pittsburg. On account of her generous spirit and her many estimable qualities she has a host of friends in Muscatine and adjoining counties.

FRANKLIN G. HESTON.

The owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 10, Goshen township, Franklin G. Heston may be regarded as having made a success of his business. Especially is this true in view of the fact that he is the architect of his own fortune, having had nothing to depend upon at the start except a laudable ambition and a good strong constitution.

Born in Mason county, Illinois, May 6, 1857, he is the son of Mahlon and Elizabeth (Gordon) Heston. The parents were both born in Pennsylvania and were married in that state, coming west previous to the '50s, Mr. Heston being convinced that the Mississippi valley presented a more favorable outlook for a farmer than could be found anywhere in the east. He rented land in Mason county for twenty years and then purchased eighty acres, on which he lived until his death, which occurred July 15, 1901. The mother made her home with her children until she passed away October 2, 1904. There were fourteen children in their family, five of whom are now living, namely: Sarah E., the widow of H. C. Beckwith, who lived at Kilbourne, Illinois; Franklin G., the subject of this review; Anna, the wife of C. E. Hopping, of Beaver City, Nebraska; Lura, now Mrs. Charles Freas, of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and H. B., of Adel, Iowa.

Franklin G. Heston acquired his early education in the district schools and as he grew up was well trained by his father in the various details of agriculture and stock-raising. He continued on the home farm until twenty-four years of age, when he began farming upon his own account, renting land for ten years. Being a man of industrious and thrifty habits and also being ambitious to become a landowner, he purchased a portion of the farm where he now lives and has since increased the area until his place includes one hundred and twenty acres and is one of the desirable farms of the township. It is doubtful whether



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any other farm of its size in this section is in better condition for cultivation or provided with more modern facilities.

On the 22d of February, 1883, Mr. Heston was united in marriage to Miss Ella A. Jackson, who was born in Muscatine county, October 2, 1859, a daughter of Elias and Annis (Dickinson) Jackson. Her father was a native of Ohio and her mother of Vermont. They were married in Muscatine county and Mr. Jackson began farming on South Prairie, but after a few years removed to the state of Connecticut. However, five years' experience in the east convinced him that Iowa presented more favorable inducements and he again established his home in this state, where he remained until his death in 1879. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jackson seven children were born, namely: Daniel, of Kilbourne, Illinois; Frank, of West Liberty; Ella, now Mrs. Frank G. Heston; George, of Sylvia, Illinois; and Hattie, Cora and Leona, all of whom are deceased. After the death of her husband the mother of these children was married to Jonathan Pringey, a native of Pennsylvania, and one child was born of this union, Clarissa, now the wife of George Skinner, of Canada. The mother passed away in December, 1899, but Mr. Pringey is still living and makes his home at West Liberty, having arrived at the advanced age of ninety-two years. Two children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Heston, namely: Delmer K., born March 25, 1886, who received a common-school education and is now married and lives at Atalissa; and Dessie P., born November 26, 1888, who was educated in the common schools and is living at home.

By an upright and industrious life Mr. Heston has set a worthy example and has gained the confidence of his neighbors and all who know him. From the start he has been actuated by sound judgment and today he is in possession of a competence. Mrs. Heston is a member of the Christian church and firm believer in the authority of the Bible. Socially Mr. Heston is identified with the Modern Woodmen of America at Atalissa and politically gives his support to the republican party.

JOHN W. BLACK.

Among the successful farmers of Orono township is John W. Black, who has prospered in his chosen calling and by industry and sound judgment merits the gratification he now derives from the possession of a handsome competence. He was born in Boone county, Kentucky, twenty miles from Cincinnati, Ohio, January 31, 1847, the son of Benjamin and Frances (Moore) Black, the former of whom was born in Boone county, Kentucky, March 9, 1812. He was united in marriage with Frances Moore, October 23, 1834. She was born in Spottsylvania county, Virginia, September 8, 1808. This union was blessed with eleven children, six daughters and five sons. One son, Benjamin Franklin, and four little daughters died in infancy. The remaining children are the subject of this sketch, John W. Black, and his two brothers, Robert Connely Black, of Nichols, Iowa, and Arthur Lee Connely Black, of Newton, Alabama. The former was born April 20, 1841, the latter December 4, 1848. James M. Black

was born August 24, 1838, and died in Audubon county, Iowa, June 28, 1907. Lida Black, born May 31, 1844, died in Orono township, April 10, 1906. Martha M. Black was born January 2, 1846. At Muscatine, Iowa, December 24, 1868, she was united in marriage to Alfred M. Wilkins. To them four children were born: Anna Belle, Rhoda, Minnie and Maude. The three latter are dead. The mother passed away at Muscatine, October 12, 1882.

Benjamin Black, and all his children were born in Boone county, Kentucky. His mother, Margaret Connely, was of Scotch descent. She was born in the fort at Lexington, Kentucky. Her father was a surveyor in the employ of the United States government. Her husband, James Black, died January 16, 1833. He was a farmer and kept his business very straight. His death occurred after a short illness. The only debt he owed was thirty-seven and one-half cents, and he would not have owed that but the blacksmith could not make the change. She died December 11, 1848. Benjamin Black was a large man physically and mentally and an honorable, honest man in all the relations of life. His tender ministries to the little wife in her long invalidism was most beautiful. She passed away January 15, 1884. Had she lived till October 23, 1884, they would have celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. After her departure he wanted to be reunited with his companion of almost fifty years. And after tarrying here one year, three months and three days, his spirit was released from the earthly tabernacle. He died April 18, 1885. He came to his "grave in a full age like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season."

John W. Black came to Iowa with his parents at the age of five years. The father, mother and six children came from Kentucky with a team and covered wagon. They crossed the Father of Waters at Muscatine, November 26, 1852. He has lived in Muscatine county continuously since then, except one and a half years, the family spent in Cedar county, immediately after coming to Iowa. Although he is now in his sixty-fifth year he has never drunk a glass of liquor of any kind, never took a chew of tobacco or a smoke, or ever played a game of cards. He and his sister never left their parents, and after their death, they continued to live together till she answered the summons, "Come up higher."

On the 17th of January, 1883, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. McKenney, at Maquon, Knox county, Illinois, Mr. Black was married to Miss Alice Templeton. Rev. Joseph E. Williams was the officiating clergyman.

One child, Elmer Wesley, came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Black. He was born April 12, 1885, and on December 18, 1907, married Miss Bertha Foster, who was born at Letts, Iowa, September 24, 1887. A son, Arthur, was born to them January 17, 1911.

Mr. Black and family located on the one hundred and eighty acre farm in Orono township in February, 1889, to which he has devoted much time and energy, making it one of the highly desirable properties of the township. The prosperity which he has attained is the result of wisely directed effort, and he now has the satisfaction of knowing that he and his family have abundant resources upon which to draw in case of emergency. Although he has not sought political office, Mr. Black has ever since arriving at manhood voted with the democratic party, believing that in so doing he is performing his duty as an American citizen. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal

church at Conesville, and they have many friends not only in that denomination but throughout the section where they are widely recognized on account of their excellent traits of mind and character.

John Wesley Templeton and Miss Mary Frances Crittenden were married at the home of her parents, Pryor and Nancy Jackson Crittenden, in Wilson county, Tennessee, May 13, 1852. Five children blessed this union: Alice, now Mrs. John W. Black, was born March 6, 1853, near Nashville, Tennessee; Blanche was born at Silver Springs, Tennessee, November 2, 1854; Joseph Crittenden Templeton, May 6, 1858; Mollie Browder Templeton, September 12, 1862; William McMurry Templeton, June 6, 1861. He died in infancy. The three last mentioned were born in Gentry county, Missouri, near where Stanberry now is. Blanche became the wife of Morton Hayden Rogers, November 27, 1873, and to them ten children were born. She died April 26, 1905. Mollie B. was married to Porter Johnson, December 24, 1885, and to them were born four children. Joseph Crittenden Templeton, was united in marriage to Miss Margaret D. Enlow, at Bridgeport, Ohio, August 17, 1886, and to this union nine children were born. He is now superintendent of the public schools of Palo Alto, California. One son, Eugene C., is an instructor in Leland Stanford Jr. University. Joseph C. Templeton, taught at Nichols, Iowa, in 1881-1882.

The father of Mrs. John W. Black was born in Iredell county, North Carolina, January 9, 1820. He was the youngest of eight children born to his parents, John and Ann (Claywell) Templeton. In 1844 he went to Elkton, Kentucky, making the trip on horseback. After remaining there a while, he engaged in mercantile business at Winchester, Tennessee. In April, 1857, he and his family went to Gentry county, Missouri. He lived on a farm till November, 1858, when he again became a merchant. In May, 1863, he with his family returned to Kentucky. He lived near Greenville for twenty-four years. After the children all left the old home, they grew lonely and went to reside with their daughter, Mrs. Blanche Rogers, near Auburn, Kentucky. There he passed away June 20, 1889, at the age of sixty-nine years, five months and eleven days. The mother accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Black, home. On July 26, 1890, she departed, with her son, for his home, at the Montana Wesleyan University, Helena, Montana, he being an instructor in the school. There on March 16, 1892, she died, aged sixty-five years and two months. She was born in Nottoway county, Virginia, January 16, 1827. She went with her parents to Wilson county, Tennessee, in 1831. They were intelligent, honorable and upright people. Her father, Pryor Crittenden, died in Wilson county, Tennessee, in April, 1854, aged seventy-three years. Her mother, Nancy (Jackson) Crittenden, was the only child of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Jackson, of Nottoway county, Virginia. She died at her home near Greenville, Kentucky, June 4, 1865, aged seventy-three years. To her and her husband were born thirteen children. Three sons, Robert M., Thomas P., and Daniel W. Crittenden, were medical doctors. One son, Colonel John Jackson Crittenden, was a military man. The great-grandparents of Mrs. Black were Peter Claywell and Jemima Arthur, who were married August 28, 1777. To them were born twelve children. Elizabeth Blankinship, born October 30, 1778, died February 2, 1861.

Solomon Claywell, born February 16, 1780, died March 11, 1848. Ann Templeton, born August 1, 1781, died August 27, 1853, while her husband, John Templeton, who was born January 18, 1782, died September 17, 1852. These were Mrs. Black's grandparents and they died in Buchanan county, Missouri. Mildred Edson, the youngest of the family, was born November 3, 1782, and died November 21, 1855. Shadrach Claywell, born February 4, 1784, died June 20, 1867. Jemima Fitzgerald, born August 26, 1785, died in February, 1862. Peter Claywell, Jr., born February 8, 1787, died April 30, 1878. Mary King, born April 16, 1789, died January 29, 1874. Margaret Tomlinson, born August 22, 1790, died in August, 1865. Jane Holland, born June 27, 1792, died March 31, 1883. Sarah Browder, born April 26, 1796, died May 13, 1875. William A. Claywell, born January 19, 1799, died April 24, 1873. Peter Claywell, Sr., the father of this family, died May 17, 1842, and the mother, Jemima (Arthur) Claywell, died June 7, 1842.

NORRELL T. HAFNER.

Beginning at twelve years of age, Norrell T. Hafner, now a well known farmer of Muscatine county, has won a responsible place for himself and is recognized as a man of unusual energy and enterprise. He is a native of Orono township, this county, born March 2, 1861, and is a son of John and Sarah P. (Ferry) Hafner. The father was a native of Germany and the mother of Burlington, Iowa. They were married in Muscatine and began their wedded life upon a farm in this county acquired by Mr. Hafner, who later developed it until it became a highly improved place of one hundred and sixty acres. The father passed away in 1895 but the mother is still living on the old homestead. Their family included twelve children, of whom ten are now living, namely: Charlie, Frank, Rudolph, Oscar, Ernest, Clarence, Effie, Orena, Edith and Norrell T.

After spending the first twelve years of his life under the parental roof, receiving such education as the district school afforded, the subject of this review began working by the month for his uncle, thus continuing for twelve years. Having married at the age of twenty-four, he began farming on his own account by renting land and after eight years of systematic labor he purchased eighty acres of timber land, which was the nucleus of his present farm of one hundred and ten acres. The eighty acres was covered with timber but it has been entirely cleared off and has made one of the most valuable tracts in the region for agricultural purposes. Mr. Hafner cultivates the cereals and also raises a high grade of stock, from which he receives a handsome revenue. He gives to his business intelligent and thoughtful attention that produces gratifying results, as are to be witnessed in the ample barns, sleek animals and the well filled cribs.

On January 1, 1884, Mr. Hafner was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Ellen Bedwell, of Louisa county, Iowa, a daughter of Daniel and Mary (Storms) Bedwell. The parents were both natives of Indiana and came to Louisa county many years ago, where Mr. Bedwell was closely identified with the farming in-

terests until his death, which occurred in 1870. His wife departed this life in 1899. Eleven children were born to them, of whom two died in infancy and George and Mary passed away later in life. Those still living are Daniel J., Chester, Elizabeth, Henry J., Amanda Ellen, Margaret and Rosa. The following children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hafner: Hubert C., born August 31, 1884, now living on a farm in Orono township; Lester H., born October 29, 1886, living in Cedar township; Gertrude B., November 27, 1888, at home; Mary P., July 25, 1890, also at home; Hazel B., born October 31, 1892, a graduate of Leverich Normal School of Muscatine and now teaching school; Guy B., born January 15, 1895; Elve M., February 4, 1896; Vesta A., February 16, 1898; Laura A., who was born October 27, 1901, and died September 26, 1902; and Opal P., born February 1, 1904. The family also comprised one pair of twins, deceased, and one child who died in infancy.

Politically Mr. Hafner gives his allegiance to the democratic party. He has never devoted much time to politics but has served to the general satisfaction of the community as township trustee. Fraternally he is a valued member of the Odd Fellows lodge of Letts. His life has been an extremely busy one. He has used his brains as well as his hands and his prosperity is due to well directed effort along lines strictly legitimate. By intelligent industry he converted the wild, rough land into productive fields, and the good fortune he enjoys has been rightly won and is thoroughly merited.

HENRY F. BABBITT.

The road to success leads through numberless difficulties, each of which must be overcome by the aspirant who finally reaches the goal. The man who falters or turns back has little possibility of becoming a leader in the strife, but he who forges bravely ahead and is willing to deny himself smaller gratifications for the sake of the final reward is almost absolutely sure of victory. Henry F. Babbitt, a prosperous farmer of Orono township, belongs to the class last named.

Born in Knox county, Illinois, October 23, 1846, he is a son of David and Mary (Dorman) Babbitt, both of whom were natives of Indiana. They were married in Illinois and in 1868 came to Iowa, settling in Appanoose county, where the father continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1898 at the age of seventy-eight years. The mother now makes her home with her youngest daughter and is eighty-four years of age. There were nine children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. David Babbitt, namely: Amanda, the widow of Sidney H. Williams, of Nebraska; Henry F., the subject of this review; William, Marion and John, all of whom are deceased; Jacob, who is now living at Gainsborough, Saskatchewan, Canada; Florence, who married Harland Marsh, of Livingston, Iowa, and is now deceased; Arminda, who married E. O. Coleman, of Seymour, Iowa; and Richard, deceased.

Henry F. Babbitt received his early education in the district schools and as a boy applied himself industriously to everything he undertook, thus acquiring

a habit which has been of great practical benefit to him through life. He remained with his parents until twenty-three years of age and then married and began business upon his own account by buying, selling and feeding stock, in which line he continued upon an extensive scale for twenty-five years. He then accepted a position as solicitor for a commission and grain firm of Chicago and was identified with this line of business for seven years, subsequently purchasing the farm of one hundred and twenty acres on section 31, Orono township, where he now lives. He is a good judge of stock and handles standard grades with results that have added materially to his financial resources.

On the 6th of July, 1870, Mr. Babbitt was united in marriage to Miss Alida Pettit, who was born in Saratoga county, New York, November 27, 1850, a daughter of Noah and Juda (Angle) Pettit. The parents were born in New York state and married there, coming in 1857 to Appanoose county, Iowa, where Mr. Pettitt engaged in farming. He died in December, 1893, at the age of seventy-three years. Five years later, on April 14, 1898, his wife was called away, being then in the seventy-sixth year of her age. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pettit: John H., of Appanoose county; and Alida, now Mrs. Henry F. Babbitt. Mr. and Mrs. Babbitt became the parents of nine children: Fannie, who was born April 9, 1871, and is now the wife of Edwin Stanton, of Nichols, Iowa; Ralph E., born August 17, 1873; Nellie, who was born September 6, 1875, and is the wife of Joseph Guthrie, of Lone Tree, Iowa; Madge, who was born July 21, 1881, and is the wife of C. W. Bangs, of Paullina, Iowa; Glen R., born March 26, 1883; Lloyd H., born June 24, 1888; Lazelle C., born August 14, 1890; Verne Leon, born March 17, 1893; and Grace M., born June 21, 1897. The five children last named are all living at home.

Ralph E. Babbitt, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Babbitt, was educated in the common schools of Orono township and grew to manhood under the parental roof, continuing at home until twenty-three years of age, when he began farming upon his own account by renting land. In November, 1909, he purchased one hundred and sixty acres on section 8, Orono township, upon which he has placed many improvements, so that it is now highly productive. On March 28, 1900, he was married to Miss Cora E. Beatty, who was born in Johnson county, Iowa, March 2, 1879, a daughter of John and Eliza (Kirk) Beatty, the former a native of Scotland and the latter of Ireland. They were married in Muscatine county and Mr. Beatty devoted his attention successfully to farming until his death, which occurred in 1885. Mrs. Beatty continued upon the home farm until 1903, when she removed to Lone Tree, where she is now living, having arrived at the age of sixty-six years. She is the mother of eleven children, namely: William, now deceased; Emma, the wife of Howard Betts, of Colorado; Robert, of Lone Tree; John, deceased; Maggie, now Mrs. Thomas Thompson, of Platte, South Dakota; Mattie, the wife of Carlos Briggs, of Fort Collins, Colorado; Stuart, deceased; Charley, of Fairport, Iowa; Elizabeth, now the wife of John Healy, of Muscatine; Cora E., now Mrs. Ralph E. Babbitt; and Arthur, of Lone Tree. Two children have brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Babbitt: Helen, born January 28, 1902; and Mildred, born July 23, 1906. Mrs. Babbitt received the advantages of a good common school education and was a successful teacher previous to her marriage. Mr. Babbitt

is politically identified with the republican party and fraternally is a valued member of the camp of Modern Brotherhood of America, at Conesville. He and his family hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Henry F. Babbitt is a staunch believer in the Christian religion and he and his wife and children are active workers in the Methodist church. As head of a large and interesting family he has set a noble example of perseverance and industry, instilling habits of prudence and economy into his children which have had a controlling influence on their lives. Today in the midst of comfort and plenty he looks back on a life well spent and can view the future with a serenity known only to those who have attempted to perform their duty.

JOSIAH FRY.

Among the natives of the Keystone state who have established a home and attained a competence in Muscatine county is Josiah Fry, a well known farmer of Cedar township. He was born in Pennsylvania, December 4, 1842, a son of Henry and Mary (Fitzgerald) Fry, also natives of Pennsylvania. The father came to Iowa in 1855 and later purchased land in Muscatine county, becoming one of the prosperous farmers of this region and at one time owning four hundred and twenty acres of valuable farming property. He departed this life May 14, 1897, at the age of eighty-three years, the mother passing away May 9, 1902, after she had reached the age of eighty-four years, and both were laid to rest in Letts cemetery. There were thirteen children in their family, namely: Josiah, our subject; Cyrus, now of Muscatine county; Eliza, the wife of John Coder, of this county; Franklin, also of Muscatine county; Sarah, the widow of Joseph Morrison, of Muscatine; Harriet, the wife of Alonzo Eperly, of St. Paul, Minnesota; Mary, now Mrs. C. W. Harvey, of Myrna, Iowa; Eva, the wife of N. C. Herrick, of Muscatine county; John, of Waterloo, Iowa; Matilda, now Mrs. P. Brookhart, of Muscatine county; Noah, who died at the age of twenty-three years; William H. Henry, who died at two years of age; and one who died in infancy.

Josiah Fry came with his parents to Iowa when he was a boy of thirteen years. He was just preparing to enter upon the active duties of life when the Civil war threw its shadow over the land and, responding to the call for defenders of the Union, he enlisted in August, 1862, in Company F, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was soon sent to the front and Private Fry participated in many of the great movements and engagements of the war. He was present at the celebrated siege of Vicksburg and took part in the battles of Jackson, Mississippi, Henderson Hill, Pleasant Hill, Kenesaw Mountain, Yellow Bayou, Old River Lake, and Tupelo, Mississippi, and Spanish Fort, Alabama. He valiantly performed his duties at all times, as his heart was in the cause, but no man was happier than he when peace was declared and the great armies were disbanded. He received his honorable discharge August 9, 1865, and returned to Muscatine county, where he began farming upon part of his father's place. Here he continued for two years and then purchased forty acres,

the nucleus of the beautiful farm of one hundred and ninety acres which he now owns and which is located on section 24, Cedar township, and section 9, Seventy-six township. He has succeeded admirably in raising grains but has devoted a great deal of time to live stock, being a successful breeder of black polled cattle, Percheron Norman horses and Chester White hogs.

In 1866 Mr. Fry was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Jane Eperly, who was born in Indiana and came to Iowa with her parents when she was about seven years of age. Mr. Eperly entered land in Muscatine county which he cultivated until 1868, being then called to his final rest. The mother departed this life in 1873. Their remains were interred in Wagoner cemetery, Muscatine county. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Eperly included ten children, six of whom are now living, namely: George, of St. Paul, Minnesota; John, of Portland, Oregon; Mary, the widow of Levi Ellison, of Letts, Iowa; Albert, of Oregon; Nancy Jane, now Mrs. Fry; and William, of Muscatine. Five children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fry: Gertrude May, born June 3, 1867, now the wife of Frank Runyon, of Muscatine county; Phenia B., born April 9, 1869, the wife of Jud Eperly, of Oregon; Estella F., who was born December 12, 1871, and is now the wife of Elmer Furnace, of Louisa county, Iowa; Grace, who was born December 8, 1874, and died July 14, 1883; and Rolly C., now in charge of the homestead, who was born December 1, 1880, and was married December 12, 1900, to Opal Wells, of Muscatine county.

The honorable record which Mr. Fry made in the army was a prophecy of the enterprise and ability he has displayed during the forty-five years that have elapsed since the war. While his success as a farmer is clearly demonstrated, he has also assisted in promoting the general welfare of his neighborhood and county. Politically he has since arriving at voting age been an adherent of the republican party. He and his family are affiliated with the Methodist church and give it their conscientious support. Owing to his wide experience and proven ability Mr. Fry occupies a responsible position in the locality where he lives and is justly regarded as one of its best citizens.

BENJAMIN EMMONS LILLY.

Among the successful merchants of Muscatine none is more respected than Benjamin E. Lilly, who for many years has been actively connected with the business interests of the city. He was born at Bloomington, now Muscatine, September 23, 1842, and is a son of John H. and Susan P. (Howland) Lilly, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter at Montpelier, Vermont. The father was a tailor by trade and was one of the early settlers of Muscatine, continuing here until his death. The mother departed this life at the age of forty-four years. They were both members of the Methodist church. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lilly: John H., Jr.; Edward and Charles W., deceased; Benjamin E., our subject; William W., of Burlington, Iowa; Mary B., the wife of James Frame; Caroline S.; and Harriet, who died in infancy.

Benjamin E. Lilly was educated in the public schools of Muscatine and upon attaining manhood, feeling that the country needed his services in its hour of extremity, he enlisted in Company G, Second Iowa Cavalry, serving for four years and three months. He was in many of the great battles of the war, among which were the battles of Corinth, Nashville and Coffeyville, and in numberless skirmishes, performing his duty at all times in such a way as to receive the hearty approval of his superior officers. With his regiment he participated in many charges and was often stationed in the front of the line but was never wounded, escaping injury as if by a miracle.

After receiving his honorable discharge Mr. Lilly returned to work in a sawmill and later became a clerk in a dry-goods store, in which position he continued for about fourteen years. In 1881 he became associated with N. H. Hine and established a dry-goods store at No. 103 East Second street. The business flourished and in 1896 he acquired Mr. Hine's interest and has since conducted the store under his own name. It is one of the flourishing institutions of the city and has doubled in size under the efficient management of the subject of this review.

On the 14th of October, 1873, Mr. Lilly was united in marriage to Miss Rose L. Fitchner, a native of Burlington, Iowa, whose parents came from Germany and were early settlers of Burlington. Five children have been born of the union: John W., of Oklahoma; Elizabeth, of Comanche county, Oklahoma, who married John W. McKee and is the mother of one son, Robert L.; Benjamin, who is identified with his father in business; and Ellen and Mabel, who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Lilly are members of the Presbyterian church and are liberal contributors toward its support. Politically Mr. Lilly is an adherent of the democratic party. He holds membership in Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; De Molay Commandery, No. 1, K. T.; and Kaaba Temple, N. M. S. He is also identified with Norman Post, Grand Army of the Republic, of Muscatine. This post was named in honor of the first man from Iowa killed in the Civil war. Mr. Lilly was a brave soldier when the life of his country was assailed and not less manfully has he performed the duties of citizenship. By his sagacity, perseverance and good judgment he is now at the head of a flourishing business which is highly creditable to himself and to the community.

I. A. NICHOLS.

The financial interests of West Liberty are ably represented by I. A. Nichols, president of the Iowa State Bank and Trust Company, who is recognized as one of the trustworthy and substantial citizens of the county. He is a native of Morrow county, Ohio, born July 10, 1853, a son of Ira and Elizabeth (Luse) Nichols. The father, who was born in New York state, February 13, 1820, engaged as railroad contractor in Ohio and in 1853 came to Muscatine county, Iowa, locating on South Prairie, where he became identified with the agricul-

tural interests. In 1878 he removed to West Liberty and ten years later he passed away. He was a man of good business judgment and as a farmer ranked with the best in the community. Politically he gave his support to the republican party and at the time of the Civil war was a strong supporter of President Lincoln and the course which he pursued in putting down the rebellion. He served on the board of supervisors for a number of years, being a member of that board at the time of his death. Socially he was connected with the various Masonic bodies, including the lodge, chapter, council and commandery, and he was also a valued member of the Methodist church. He was the pioneer of the family to settle west of the Mississippi river and was followed by seven of his brothers. The great-great-grandfather on the paternal side, Samuel Nichols, came to America from England in 1728 and lived for some time in northern New York, afterward locating in Vermont. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Stephens, was a native of Scotland. Several of their sons took part in the Revolutionary war, fighting in behalf of the colonists. The mother of our subject was born in Pennsylvania and married Mr. Nichols in Ohio. She departed this life in 1910 and her remains were interred in Oakridge cemetery. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Nichols: Pliny Clay, who enlisted in Company D, Thirty-fifth Iowa Volunteers, and died while at the front at Vicksburg, August 10, 1863; Charles M., now engaged in the dry-goods business in West Liberty; John D., who died at the age of two years; I. A., the subject of this review; J. I., a farmer living in Wapsinonoc township, this county; and Viola, who also died at two years of age.

I. A. Nichols received his education in the common and high schools of West Liberty and, having decided upon a business career, conducted a dry-goods store in West Liberty in 1873, continuing in this line of trade until 1889, when he entered the hardware business, with which he was identified for two or three years. In February, 1897, he organized the Iowa State Bank and Trust Company at West Liberty, of which he served as cashier for nine years, since which time he has filled the office of president. The bank from the very beginning has been unusually successful and has earned a surplus equal to its capital stock. Its success has been in a large measure due to the energy and ability of Mr. Nichols. In addition to being a stockholder of the bank he is the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Wapsinonoc township.

In 1875 Mr. Nichols was united in marriage to Miss Laura Vincent, a resident of Illinois, who was born in the state of Vermont. Two children have blessed this union: Edna, who died at the age of five years; and Mildred, now the wife of A. W. Hogue, of Seattle, Washington. Ever since arriving at maturity Mr. Nichols has given his adherence to the republican party, believing that its principles are best adapted to promote the interests of the nation. He is a stanch friend of education, having observed its benefits in many ways during the course of a long business experience, and for sixteen years he served as member of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with the lodge and chapter of the Masonic order at West Liberty. He and his wife are earnest members

of the Presbyterian church and are leaders in a community with which he has been intimately identified for thirty-eight years. He is known as a man of unusual intelligence, energy and forethought and has the confidence and esteem not only of business men and investors but of all with whom he has come into contact.

JOHN P. TEETER.

Among the highly improved farms of Cedar township, Muscatine county, is that which pays tribute to the excellent management of John P. Teeter. It comprises two hundred and seventy-six acres and is supplied with all modern conveniences so that it is today one of the model establishments of the kind in the county. Mr. Teeter was born in Keokuk, Iowa, June 26, 1867, a son of Paris and Elizabeth (McManus) Teeter. The mother was a native of Kentucky and the father of Indiana. They were married in Iowa and Mr. Teeter began as a farmer in Mahaska county, Iowa, where he continued for five years. He then removed to Keokuk county and, having lost his wife in 1872, was married to Lucy Harding Brook, of Keokuk county. Of the first union seven children were born, six of whom are now living: Lavisia, the wife of James Bell, who resides near Des Moines, Iowa; Nancy, now Mrs. George Bell, of Burr Oak, Kansas; Martha, the wife of Charles Wade, who lives near Spirit Lake, Iowa; Catherine, the wife of Frank McIntosh, of Cherry, North Dakota; William, of Chillicothe, Missouri; John P., our subject; and Lucinda, the wife of Chockley Bates, of What Cheer, Iowa. Three children were born of the second marriage of Mr. Teeter. He departed this life in 1902.

John P. Teeter remained with his parents until he was ten years of age and for the next six years made his home with his eldest sister. At sixteen years of age he began to provide for himself by working out by the month and at the age of twenty-one, having married, he purchased a small farm which he cultivated until his wife's death, in 1888. The next five years he spent in the Rocky mountains. Returning to Iowa in 1894, he worked in the coal mines and having again married, located upon a farm of two hundred and seventy-six acres in Cedar township, the heritage of his wife. Under his management this place has become one of the highly improved possessions of the county.

Mr. Teeter married Addie Colbert, a native of Louisa county, Iowa, and a daughter of Luther and Phoebe (Kaiser) Colbert, the former of whom was a native of Ohio and the latter of Muscatine county, Iowa. There were five children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Colbert, three of whom are now living: Henry, of Johnson county, Iowa; Addie, now Mrs. Teeter; and Jacob, who lives upon the old homestead. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Teeter two children have been born: Marvin Luther, born August 30, 1900; and Naomi Lorene, whose birth occurred May 22, 1908.

Mr. Teeter is a stanch adherent of the republican party, believing that its principles are best adapted to promote the prosperity of the country. He has never sought public office, as his time and energy are mainly devoted to his

family and the duties of the farm. He and his wife are members of the Dunkard church and earnest workers in its behalf. By the faithful and conscientious discharge of his duties Mr. Teeter has gained a standing in the community as one of its highly respected and trustworthy citizens.

JOHN D. NASH.

John D. Nash will be remembered by his friends in Muscatine county as one of its substantial citizens, whose life was largely controlled by a desire to advance the comfort and happiness of others. He was actively connected with farming interests for nearly twenty-five years and in the midst of his usefulness was called away June 18, 1898, having then reached the age of forty-four years. He was born in Licking county, Ohio, April 7, 1854, a son of Isaac S. and Elizabeth (O'Neal) Nash. The father was a native of Vermont and the mother of Ohio. They came to Iowa in 1856 and Mr. Nash engaged actively in farming until his retirement at West Chester, Washington county. He departed this life July 3, 1901, his wife dying seven years later. They were the parents of five children, namely: Vincent B., now deceased; John D., our subject; one who died in infancy; Laura A., the wife of Anson Brinton, of Brighton, Washington county, Iowa; and Isaac N., of Florida.

John D. Nash was brought to Iowa by his parents in his infancy. He grew to manhood in this state and was educated in the public schools, continuing at home until he was twenty-three years of age. After teaching school for one year he began farming and subsequently purchased one hundred and twenty acres, upon which he established his home, and when his resources permitted bought sixty acres of timber land. He was industrious and enterprising, applying himself with an intelligence and zeal that enabled him to accomplish successfully whatever he undertook. He made a close study of his work and conducted his affairs on practical principles, acquiring a competence and building up an enviable reputation as a first-class farmer. After his death his widow continued to live upon the farm for ten years. She then purchased a commodious residence in Nichols, where she has since made her home.

The marriage of Mr. Nash was celebrated August 5, 1877, the lady of his choice being Miss Ida O. Brockway, a native of Muscatine county and a daughter of Albert J. and Mary (Nichols) Brockway. The father came from Pennsylvania to Muscatine county and began farming here in 1844. He was highly successful, becoming the owner of six hundred acres of well improved land. He was married December 7, 1856, to Miss Mary E. Nichols, by whom he had two children, Myrten W. and Ida O., now Mrs. Nash. His first wife died March 19, 1861, and on the 4th of June, 1863, he married Elizabeth Nichols. Of the children born of this union, four are now living: Allie M., the wife of Marion Parmelee, of Montana; Alice G., the wife of Charles McCormick, of Columbus Junction, Iowa; Marcus L., now living on the old homestead; and Laura B., who married Glenn Eberly, of Letts, Iowa.

Twelve children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nash, nine of whom are now living: Laura I., a fine scholar, who taught school for eight years and is the possessor of unusual musical talent; Leroy M., who received a high-school education and is now living on the old homestead; Albert J., of Nichols, also educated in the high school; Frederick A., who is pursuing a course in dentistry at the State University; Edgar Newton, a graduate of the high school, now at home; Mary A., also at home and a graduate of the high school; and John V., Reuben Nichols and Ila Olive, all attending the high school.

Mr. Nash was a stanch friend of education, as is Mrs. Nash, the truth of the statement being proven by the excellent advantages given their children, who have shown unusual capacity in their studies. The family is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church and works actively in its behalf. Mr. Nash was a valued member of the Masonic lodge and camp of Modern Woodmen of America at Nichols and the Odd Fellows lodge at West Liberty, Iowa. He had many friends in those organizations and also throughout the region where he lived and labored until the last summons came. Mrs. Nash is a lady of many estimable qualities and presides over a home that is a center of hospitality and good-will.

WILLIAM C. RICHARDS.

William C. Richards, deceased, was for many years an honored and respected citizen of Muscatine, where during the last fifteen years of his life he lived retired. His early home was on the other side of the Atlantic, for he was born in Saxony, Germany, on the 30th of October, 1840, and in that country his father spent his entire life, conducting a cabinet shop. He was a little lad of nine years when he came to the United States in company with his uncle, Charles Richards. Making their way direct to Muscatine, Iowa, he continued a resident of this city up to the time of his death, which occurred on the 16th of February, 1911.

Mr. Richards began his education in the schools of his native land and after coming to this country attended school in Muscatine for many years. At an early age he entered the employ of Benjamin Hershey and was connected with the Hershey Lumber Company until that concern closed out its business fifteen years ago, after which he lived retired, enjoying the fruits of former toil in well earned ease.

During the dark days of the Civil war Mr. Richards manifested his loyalty to his adopted country by enlisting as a private October 14, 1861, and he remained in the service during the entire period of hostilities between the north and the south, taking part in many hotly contested engagements. He was honorably discharged December 31, 1863, but reenlisted and during his service was under the command of both Generals Grant and Sherman. He was with the latter commander on his famous march to the sea, being on the march for one year and three months and taking part in all of the engagements along the route. The wound he received at Shiloh probably hastened his death. In a

scattering fire he was either struck in the head by a bullet or part of a shell, the scar of which he carried with him through life. At the time the military surgeons wished to remove him to a hospital for an operation but he desired to continue in the service and eluded the vigilance of the attendants and, pushing his way to the front, resumed his position on the firing line and continued throughout the war without ever being compelled to undergo treatment. He had barely attained his majority at that time.

In early manhood Mr. Richards was united in marriage to Miss Mary Becke, a native of Muscatine and a daughter of Theodore Becke, who was likewise born in Germany and became an early settler of Muscatine. He was a mason by trade, working at that occupation throughout his active business career. He passed away in this city at the age of seventy-eight years, while his wife, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Becke, was seventy-five years old when called to her final rest. They had the following children: Caroline, Theresa, Mary, Elizabeth, Kate, John, Clara and Theodore. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Richards, two sons and four daughters, namely: Minnie, now the wife of W. H. McBride, of Muscatine; Adel, the wife of Dr. R. S. McNutt, also of Muscatine; Nellie, who married Sherwood Kerr and both are now deceased; Mrs. Ida Dolsen, of Davenport; and Lee L. and Clarence R., both of Muscatine.

In religious faith Mr. Richards was a Lutheran, while his widow is a communicant of the Catholic church. He was well known and highly esteemed in Muscatine, enjoying the warm regard and friendship of all with whom he came in contact. At one time he took quite an active and prominent part in public affairs, representing the second ward in the city council for eight consecutive years. He was a prominent member of the Grand Army post of Muscatine and also belonged to the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

C. D. GIBSON.

The old soldiers of Muscatine county many years ago won recognition from every lover of the republic as worthy of the profoundest gratitude, and to this class belongs C. D. Gibson, whose name stands at the head of this sketch. Born in Knox county, Ohio, September 24, 1840, he is the son of Joseph M. and Pamela (Wright) Gibson. The father was a native of New Market, Maryland, and the mother of Winchester, Virginia. They were married in the Buckeye state and came west to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1853. In 1861 they removed to a farm in Muscatine county, which Mr. Gibson cultivated for fourteen years, retiring to West Liberty in 1875. The parents were both called to their reward in 1890. They were reared in the faith of the Society of Friends and by their kindly lives exerted a beneficial influence wherever they were known. There were nine children in the family, five of whom are now living, namely: Mrs. Rachel W. Nichols, of West Liberty, Iowa; C. D., the subject of this

review; Mrs. Nettie Mosher, of West Liberty; Mrs. Lou R. Nichols, also of West Liberty; and Mrs. Allie Hogland, of Halton, Kansas.

C. D. Gibson began his education in the district schools of his native state and after coming to Iowa with his parents was a student in the schools of Cedar county. He continued upon the home farm until after arriving at the age of twenty years and then in response to the call for soldiers to defend the Union, he enlisted in Company C, First Iowa Volunteer Infantry, for three months, reenlisting in Company E, Eighteenth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, June 11, 1862, and continuing until his discharge in August, 1865. He was wounded in a rear guard attack at Moscow, Arkansas, the bullet striking his arm and severing an artery. One of his comrades reached his side and stopped the flow of blood just in time to save his life. He was taken to the hospital at Camden, Arkansas, and, having been left behind when General Steele retreated after General Banks' defeat on Red river, he was made a prisoner and for thirteen months was detained at Camden, Shreveport, and Tyler, Texas, carrying an open wound during the entire time. He and other prisoners escaped from the stockade at Tyler and with two companions he traveled by night and until the middle of the next afternoon when they lay down to sleep in a pine forest. About sundown they were awakened by the ominous baying of bloodhounds and were recaptured and taken to the home of a ranchman in the neighborhood, where they were kept all night and then again placed in the stockade at Fort Tyler. The colonel of the Confederates wrote an order and placed it in the hands of two mounted guards, who conducted the prisoners to the office of the provost marshal in the city of Tyler. After looking over the order the provost marshal remarked: "I will put them where the dogs won't catch them again." The whole party was conducted to the city prison and put into a cell, sixteen by sixteen feet in size, with twenty-six others, making twenty-nine persons in this little room. In the center of the cell was an iron cage seven or eight feet square on the top of which was a space through which a man could crawl between the cage and ceiling. This was the only spot where it was possible to lie down and the prisoners drew lots as to who should sleep on top of the cage. It was the fortune of Private Gibson twice in the course of nine days and nights to have the opportunity to recuperate on the cage. The iron bolts protruded through the top to the great inconvenience of the unfortunate prisoners. This cage is now to be seen at the poor farm in Smith county, Texas, and Mr. Gibson contemplates a visit to the town principally in order to ascertain how far the iron bolts actually projected, as it was weeks after leaving the cell before he recovered from the dents made in his body by the iron bolts. While in this prison the welcome news came of the surrender of General Lee and soon afterward the doors were thrown open and the prisoners went forth free.

After returning from the war Mr. Gibson engaged in farming in Muscatine county until 1875, when on account of his wounded arm he retired from agriculture and moved to West Liberty, where he followed various pursuits, including the grocery business and the feed business, being for nine years past a shipper of hay and straw. He has used good judgment in commercial affairs and owns a handsome residence and three other buildings in West Liberty.

In 1865 Mr. Gibson was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Means, who has been to him a faithful companion and adviser. Politically he votes as he fought and fraternally he is identified with the Grand Army of the Republic. He received a rude introduction to the realities of life during the Civil war, from the effects of which he has never entirely recovered, but he has always retained a genial and companionable disposition and in the face of difficulties arising from ill health has overcome obstacles that would long ago have defeated a less resolute spirit. He was a true soldier and he has been a useful citizen, performing his duties to the best of his ability and being ever ready to extend a helping hand to a fellowman. He plainly deserves an honorable place among the substantial citizens of Muscatine county.

JAMES C. BLACK.

Among the substantial farmers of Muscatine county should be named James C. Black, who has passed his entire life in the county and from his earliest recollection has been identified with the interests of this section. Born in Goshen township, May 11, 1855, he is a son of Arthur and Adaline (Anderson) Black, the former of whom was born in Lexington, Kentucky, and the latter in Virginia. They were married in this state and soon afterward settled on a farm in Goshen township, upon which they continued during the remainder of their lives. The father died March 22, 1891, at the age of eighty-four years, while his wife passed away January 24, 1893. He was a thoroughly competent farmer and acquired three hundred and twenty acres of land, which he cultivated to excellent advantage. Four children were born to him and his wife, namely: Marcellus, who died at the age of nine years; James C., the subject of this review; George W., of Muscatine county; and Margaret J., now the wife of L. R. Moore, who is living retired at Muscatine.

James C. Black acquired his education in the district schools and was reared amidst environment which may be truly regarded as the most favorable that could be desired for an aspiring young man. He remained with his parents until their deaths and then took charge of a part of the homestead, which he cultivated for thirteen years, when he came into possession of one-half of the place. He remained upon his farm until 1907 and then purchased a handsome residence in West Liberty, where he is now living in the enjoyment of a well earned and honorable retirement. By good management in the beginning of his business career and also by making a wise use of opportunities, he, years ago, became recognized as one of the substantial men of the county, and by his honorable business career he has set an example that is well worthy of imitation by young men who desire to gain the respect of those with whom they are associated.

On January 31, 1894, Mr. Black was united in marriage to Miss Isabel Moore, born in Jefferson county, Ohio, November 22, 1863, a daughter of Alexander and Roseanna (Calhoun) Moore, the former a native of Ohio and the latter of Pennsylvania. They were married in the Keystone state and subsequently

lived a short time in Ohio, then coming to Cedar county, Iowa, and later to Muscatine county. After a short experience in the mercantile business, Mr. Moore removed to a farm in Goshen township, which he rented for eight years. By his industry and perseverance he acquired the capital necessary to purchase eighty acres, which he cultivated until his retirement and removal to Atalissa in 1888. He died in 1895, his wife having been called away eight years previously, in 1887. To Mr. and Mrs. Moore seven children were born, namely: Mary Alice, now of West Liberty; Amanda and Ellen, twins, the former now the wife of William Bilby of Oklahoma, and the latter now Mrs. James Henderson of Wayne county, Iowa; Lydia Ann, the wife of Charles C. Croxen of Atalissa; Isabel, now Mrs. James C. Black; Adaline, who died at the age of twenty-four years; and George A., of West Liberty. One child, Arthur A., has come to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Black. He was born November 30, 1895, and is now a student in the West Liberty high school.

Politically Mr. Black is identified with the democratic party and fraternally he is a valued member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of West Liberty. He and his family attend the Presbyterian church. He has been successful from the beginning of his business career, not having been obliged to pass through the fluctuations of fortune that fall to the lot of the majority of men. He possesses sound judgment, a genial disposition, and many other qualities that attract friends and is greatly esteemed by young and old in a section where his life has been as an open book for over half a century.

ALEX McCULLOUGH.

Alex McCullough, one of the well known and successful agriculturists of Orono township, Muscatine county, was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, on the 12th of March, 1859, a son of John and Elizabeth (Gordon) McCullough. The parents were married in Ohio, of which state the mother was a native, but the father was born in Pennsylvania, and they continued to make their home in the Buckeye state for some years, but in 1866 they came to Iowa and located on a farm in Orono township, Muscatine county, where they continued to live during the remainder of their days. They were hard-working, thrifty people and at the time of the father's death had acquired a farm of one hundred and forty-two acres of finely improved and valuable land. They were the parents of nine children, who are as follows: William, who is a farmer residing in Louisa county, Iowa; George, also a farmer in Louisa county; David, living on a farm in the same county; John, who was born in 1850 and died in 1902; Margaret, the wife of C. F. Quimby, of Muscatine county; James, who was born in 1854 and died on the 11th of September, 1892, leaving a wife and one daughter, living in Johnson county, Iowa; Albert, residing in Columbus Junction, Louisa county; Alex; and Samuel E., living near Columbus City. The father passed away on the 9th of February, 1887, and the mother on the 18th of September, 1898.

Alex McCullough was educated in the district schools of Muscatine county and at the usual age the work of the schoolroom gave way to that of the fields and he began assisting his father in the management of the farm. He remained at home until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he began farming for himself. The first four years he rented land but at the end of that period he had accumulated the necessary capital to enable him to buy land, and he purchased a portion of the farm where he now lives, which is upon the old town site of Fort Allen. Close application, diligence and careful supervision of details has resulted in Mr. McCullough's adding to his original tract so that he now owns one hundred and seventy acres of finely improved land, all of which is under a high state of cultivation. The buildings and fences are in good repair, he keeps a good grade of stock, all of which is well housed, and his well tilled fields are given the careful supervision which results in large and profitable harvests.

On the 27th of January, 1886, Mr. McCullough was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Bliven, who was born in Louisa county, Iowa, in 1868, a daughter of Hiram and Anna (Gay) Bliven. The birth of the father occurred in New York state, February 24, 1835, but when only four years old accompanied his parents on their removal to Iowa. A year later he was deprived of his father by death and his mother subsequently married the late William Todd. On coming to this state the Bliven family located at what is known as the forks of the river, being among the first settlers of that locality. That region was then covered with dense forests and the Indians were far more numerous than the white inhabitants. For many years Mr. Bliven conducted a ferry near Columbus Junction but later engaged in farming until his health failed. For the last fifty years of his life he was a great sufferer but death released him from his pain April 11, 1909, and he passed to the great beyond where he had long wished to go. At the time of his death he was over seventy-four years of age and had survived his wife for thirty years and four months. Mrs. McCullough was a child of only eleven years when her mother passed away December 12, 1879. Though she was early deprived of a mother's love and care she has become a true type of noble womanhood. She is one of a family of seven children, the others being: Lucinda, the wife of Frank Pierce, of Columbus Junction, Iowa; Elnathan, also a resident of Columbus Junction; Hattie I., who married W. B. Gelatt, of Mason, Tennessee; John, living in Fredonia, Iowa; Belle, who died in 1903, in Columbus Junction; and Sarah, who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough have become the parents of three children: Forest Glenn, whose sketch is given below; Lura E., who was born on the 1st of August, 1888, and was married January 27, 1909, to R. E. Tipton, of Conesville, Iowa; and Floyd F., who was born on the 31st of October, 1890, and has received a high-school education and lives at home.

The family hold membership in Grace Reformed church of Conesville and are active workers in the same, Mr. McCullough being supervising elder. His fraternal relations are confined to membership in the Columbus Junction lodge, I. O. O. F. Ever since he acquired the full rights of citizenship on attaining his majority, Mr. McCullough has been identified with the republican party.

He takes an active interest in all local political issues and has served in various township offices, being trustee for eight years. He has been assessor for two years and at the last election was given the same office for another term. He and his family are highly esteemed in Orono township and Conesville, where they are well known.

FOREST GLENN McCULLOUGH.

The present postmaster of Conesville, Iowa, Forest Glenn McCullough, was born in Louisa county, Iowa, on the 14th day of November, 1886, and is a son of Alex and Anna E. (Bliven) McCullough. He acquired his education in the common schools of Muscatine county, remaining a member of his father's household until he was nineteen years of age, when he began teaching school, continuing in this profession for three years. In September, 1908, he received the appointment of postmaster at Conesville and has been serving in that office ever since. He has the distinction of having been one of the youngest appointees ever occupying such a position.

On the 1st of July, 1908, Mr. McCullough was united in marriage to Miss Ella Louise Wilson, also a native of the Hawkeye state, having been born in Louisa county on the 18th of November, 1885, a daughter of Robert and Clara (Henderson) Wilson. Her mother is also a native of Louisa county but her father was born in Ireland, and they were married in Muscatine county but immediately after that event they located on a farm in Louisa county, where they are now living. They have one of the valuable farms in the county; it contains three hundred and sixty acres of finely improved and well cultivated land. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson: Vina H., a teacher living at home; Mrs. McCullough, who also taught school two years prior to her marriage; Mabel, the wife of Andrew Schultz, of Malcolm, Iowa, and also a teacher for two years; J. H., a farmer in Louisa county; Hazel, W. Earl, Russell and Wilma L., the last four all at home.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough are members of the Reformed church and he is superintendent of the Sunday school. He is a strong supporter of the policies of the republican party and is considered to be one of the promising young men of his community.

GEORGE W. HANKINS.

Beginning his battle with the world at the age of seventeen, George W. Hankins has won the favors of fortune and is today the owner of a valuable farm in Muscatine county, also enjoying the friendship and confidence of all who know him. The fortune he has attained is the result of his own unflagging industry and perseverance. He was born in Wyandot county, Ohio, February 24, 1858, and is a son of Thomas and Almina (Hayner) Hankins, both natives of Ohio. The father was identified with farming interests all his life and died

in 1875 at the age of forty-one years. The mother died six months previously at the age of thirty-nine years. There were eight children in their family, four of whom are now living, namely: George W., our subject; Louis M., of Hillsboro, Texas; William E., of Forest, Ohio; and John F., of Cedar township, Muscatine county.

George W. Hankins by the death of his parents was thrown upon his own resources just as he was emerging from boyhood. He had received the advantages of good home training and of the district schools and he bravely took up the great battle which lay before him. Desiring to try his fortune in a new country, he came west and began working by the month in Muscatine county, Iowa. He persistently applied himself to his task and gradually acquired a foothold so that at twenty years of age he married and rented land, upon which he farmed for twenty years. Having accumulated sufficient capital, he purchased eighty acres, which he cultivated for three years and then sold, after which he operated rented land for several years. In the meantime he cast about for a favorable investment and accordingly purchased one hundred and fifty-six acres in Louisa county, Iowa, which he owned for five years. Believing that Muscatine county offered superior advantages, he returned and bought one hundred and twenty acres in Cedar township, which he has developed into one of the most desirable places of its size in that part of the county. He engages in both agriculture and stock-raising and each year adds to his financial resources so that he is today one of the substantial men of the county.

On the 22d of September, 1878, Mr. Hankins was united in marriage to Miss Cordelia Brown, who was born in Cedar township, November 3, 1860. She is a daughter of Hugh P. and Nancy (Lee) Brown, the former of whom was born in Indiana and the latter in Ohio. They were married in Muscatine and Mr. Brown engaged in farming in Muscatine county until the death of his wife, which occurred April 3, 1900. Since that time he and one of his sons have been connected with the lumber business at Letts, Iowa. In his family are four children, namely: Laura, now the wife of W. M. Griffin, of Letts; Eleanora, now Mrs. T. E. Norris, of Nichols; Cordelia, the wife of our subject; and Guy N., of Letts. Mrs. Hankins' great-grandparents were of Irish descent, though one was a native of South Carolina and the other of Virginia. Both were reared, however, in the former state, where their marriage was celebrated and from there the family removed to Indiana. The great-grandfather, who was born in 1780, bore the name of Thomas Brown, while the grandfather of Mrs. Hankins was Mathew Brown, and her father was Hugh Brown previously mentioned. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hankins: Charles T., born April 8, 1881, was for two terms a student at the Leverich Normal School, being now a resident of Muscatine; Roe P., at home, was born August 29, 1884, and received a college education; and Harry F., born April 1, 1889, Eddie Glen, August 14, 1897, and Clell Raymond, October 4, 1902, are all at home. In his wife Mr. Hankins has found a loving companion, who has been to him a tireless assistant and a safe adviser and to her children a mother who has hesitated at no sacrifice provided it added to their comfort or happiness.

Politically Mr. Hankins adheres to the democratic party and has been entrusted with several public positions of honor and responsibility. For seven years he filled the office of township trustee and for four years has served as assessor of Cedar township, being also a member of the school board, a position he has filled for ten years past. Fraternally he is connected with Letts Lodge, No. 671, I. O. O. F., and Camp No. 4783, M. W. A., both of Letts. Thirty-five years ago Mr. Hankins began his life west of the Mississippi river and in this region he has continued, believing that the inducements here offered to ambitious young men are surpassed nowhere else in the world. He has seen no reason to regret casting his lot in Iowa, as here he has found home, friends and prosperity.

CHARLES W. GIPPLE.

Charles W. Gipple, the owner of a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Cedar township, Muscatine county, was born in Louisa county, Iowa, August 4, 1856, a son of George W., and Mary (Brooks) Gipple. His parents, who are both natives of Pennsylvania, were married in the Keystone state and five years later came to Louisa county, where for many years Mr. Gipple was actively identified with farming interests. In 1886 he removed to Letts, Iowa, where he and his estimable wife make their home. There were ten children in their family, eight of whom are now living, namely: Emma, wife of Mark Sharp, of Fall City, Nebraska; Anna, now Mrs. L. Hudler, of Sansarc, South Dakota; Syntha, the wife of Albert Dollahide of Audubon, Iowa; Charles W., our subject; Edward, of Louisa county, Iowa; Harvey, of Benton county, Arkansas; Carrie, now Mrs. John Holts of Sweetland Center, Muscatine county; and Lincoln, now in the drug business at Letts, Iowa.

Charles W. Gipple was reared upon the home farm and possessed the advantages of the district school, thus laying the foundation of an education which he has developed sedulously by reading and observation. At twenty-three years of age he was married and began business on his own account in charge of a livery barn, which he conducted for one year. Being attracted to agricultural pursuits, he disposed of his business and purchased a farm of eighty acres in Audubon county, Iowa, which he cultivated successfully for nine years, greatly improving it, so that he sold it at a good price, and he then invested in an attractive place in Muscatine county, upon which he established his home. His farm is under an excellent state of cultivation, excepting a small tract which is reserved for timber. In his work he has shown good judgment and is recognized as one of the representative farmers of this region. He now occupies a comfortable residence supplied with modern conveniences, the farm also being provided with the best machinery to be found in the market, so that he is now prepared to carry on his work upon strictly up-to-date lines.

On the 10th of December, 1879, Mr. Gipple was united in marriage to Miss Effie Jones, who was born in Ohio, March 16, 1859, daughter of Jackson and Mary (Crute) Jones. Her parents were both natives of Ohio and were mar-

ried in that state, coming to Iowa in 1861. Mr. Jones devoted his attention to farming until his death, which occurred November 30, 1890. His wife departed this life September 9, 1872, and both were buried in the Cedar Bethel cemetery in Louisa county. There were three children in their family, namely: Sarah A., who died at the age of forty-three years; Caroline, the wife of Thomas Maning, of Cedar township; and Effie.

Two children came to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gipple: Harry E., who was born July 17, 1880, and is now married and living upon a farm in Louisa county; and Marcellus A., born February 23, 1891. He is a promising young man and has received a good mental training, having had the advantage of a high school education.

By his industry and natural ability Mr. Gipple has gained a comfortable competence. He is a patriotic citizen, a good friend of education, a thorough business man, and as head of a family sets an example well worthy of imitation. Socially, he is identified with Lodge 249 of the Fraternal Aid Association of Letts and is an active worker in that beneficent organization. Muscatine county has no better citizen than Charles W. Gipple.

FREDERICK HUTTIG.

A splendid figure on the stage of action, many business activities were quickened by the touch of Frederick Huttig. He became the strong center of the community in which he moved and his business record at all times balanced up with principles of truth and honor. To have instituted and controlled mammoth business interests in the attainment of notable success entitles one to more than passing notice, but the life work of Frederick Huttig contains many valuable lessons which may be profitably considered and pondered. His record was never that of a self-centered life. While he attempted many important things he accomplished what he attempted, his success never representing another's loss but was the result of effort intelligently applied. While his name is inseparably interwoven with the history of Muscatine, his labors extended into many other fields, becoming an important feature in business activity in a number of the more prominent cities of the Mississippi valley as president of the Huttig Manufacturing Company.

His birth occurred near Jena, the old capital of the duchy of Saxe-Weimar, Germany, on the 10th of June, 1832. He was christened Charles Frederick Huttig but after coming to America dropped the first name. The family numbered four sons, his elder brothers being Carl and Chris, and his younger brother, William Huttig. The father, Frederick Huttig, was born in Germany in 1790 and was a youthful soldier of the war of 1806, prior to the campaign of Napoleon in Russia and the burning of Moscow. His wife bore the maiden name of Dorothea Sieberg.

Jena at the time of the birth of Frederick Huttig of this review was a city of about fifteen thousand population and in its schools he was educated and not only mastered the elementary branches but also obtained instruction along

mechanical and industrial lines. He thought to devote his life to architecture, yet he did not follow the profession long after leaving school. The opportunities which he heard were to be enjoyed in America led him to leave the fatherland in March, 1853, as a passenger on the sailing vessel *Anadalia*, with New Orleans as his destination. He was then a young man of twenty-one years. The voyage was at length completed and from the Crescent City he made his way northward to Muscatine, Iowa, being influenced in his choice of a destination by the fact that he had friends living in this city. He often recalled with interest the contrast between his first voyage across the Atlantic, covering ninety days, and one which he made in later years in six days. For a brief period he was employed at the mason's trade in Muscatine. During the greater part of his residence here, however, he was in business on his own account. He and his brother formed a partnership that continued for a half century under the firm style of the Huttig Brothers. They opened a grocery store opposite the Weed & Bridgman block, where they remained for some time, and in 1868 they turned their attention to the lumber business, in which field they long operated with splendid success. After two years they established a sash, door and blind manufactory and their activities in that direction were so successful and their business grew so rapidly that they became known in that connection throughout the entire country. In 1881 they erected a mammoth factory and plant in Muscatine and the business was incorporated with Frederick Huttig as president; William Huttig as manager and treasurer; E. Lumpe as vice president; and Harry Huttig as secretary. In 1883 they incorporated the Western Sash & Door Company of Kansas City, Missouri, with William Huttig as president. This was but an initial step in the constant broadening out of their enterprise. In 1885 the Huttig Brothers established the Huttig Sash & Door Company of St. Louis, and Charles H. Huttig, who had been admitted to the company, was chosen to manage its operations. In time they extended their field to include Wichita, Kansas, and St. Joseph, Missouri, and their ramifying interests reached out to all parts of the country.

Aside from their operations in the manufacture of sash, doors and blinds, the Huttig brothers, Frederick and William, in December, 1887, joined with other liberal republicans and democrats of Muscatine in organizing the Muscatine News Company, the purpose of which was to publish a daily and weekly newspaper for distribution in the city and county of Muscatine and for the dissemination and support of liberal political ideas. Frederick Huttig was a staunch believer in the principles of democracy yet he placed the public good before all partisanship and did not believe in making politics a feature of local elections where no issue was involved. He therefore joined in the movement to organize the News Tribune and his business energy, enterprise and resourcefulness contributed to the success of the paper in its earlier years. In 1888 the brothers organized the Muscatine Real Estate Company and in this undertaking were joined by a number of local capitalists. They were also the organizers of the Ashton Flour & Feed Company in the same year. Everything which they undertook seemed to prosper, owing to the keen business discernment of the two brothers. Frederick Huttig was also connected with a number of other important enterprises and his life was an extremely busy and useful one. He

became a potent factor in many movements for the welfare of the city and was recognized as a power and strength in the commercial and industrial life of Muscatine.

It was here in 1856 that Frederick Huttig was married to Miss Sophia Snell, whose death occurred in 1889. Mr. Huttig was again married in 1894, at which time Mrs. Hannah Tappe became his wife. He had five children by his first marriage, namely: William Huttig, who is now the president of the Western Sash & Door Company, of Kansas City, Missouri; Charles H., who is president of the Third National Bank of St. Louis; Lena, the deceased wife of Henry Gremmel, of Kansas City; Katherine, the wife of Robert Beyers, of the Huttig Sash & Door Company of St. Louis; and Frederick, vice president of the Western Sash & Door Company of Kansas City.

Mr. Huttig was prominent in Masonry, attaining the Master Mason degree on the 26th of April, 1879, in Iowa City. He died at his home in Kansas City, Missouri, on the evening of May 11, 1906, a few days before his seventy-fourth birthday, and his remains were brought back to Muscatine for interment in Greenwood cemetery, where the burial occurred on the 13th of May, the services being conducted in the German Evangelical church. He had but recently returned from a winter's sojourn in Los Angeles, California, and on the 2d of May was stricken with paralysis, his death occurring nine days later. The news of his death carried with it a sense of personal loss to his many friends, his associates and his old employes in Muscatine. He was not only a man of unbounded enterprise but also of unimpeachable integrity and he achieved remarkable results. His life record proves what can be accomplished when determination, perseverance and talent are arrayed against drawbacks, poverty and trials. The result is almost certain, for the former are invincible and know no defeat. Starting out in life without any vaulting ambition to accomplish something especially great or famous, Mr. Huttig followed the lead of his opportunities, doing his best to do anything that came to hand and seizing legitimate advantages as they arose. He never hesitated to take a forward step when the way was open. Fortunate in possessing ability and character that inspired confidence in others, the simple weight of his character and ability carried him into important relations with large interests, while the course that he followed made his name synonymous with commercial integrity as well as success.

JOHN VANATTA.

Of sturdy pioneer parentage John Vanatta, who is the owner of a valuable farm in Wapsinonoc township, inherited characteristics that have assisted him very materially in his business career. He was born in Rock Island county, Illinois, January 8, 1854, son of Thomas and Sarah A. (Robbins) Vanatta. The father was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1826. In 1830 he removed with his parents to Keithsburg, Illinois, and six years later the family took up their residence in Illinois City, continuing there for several

years. This was in the pioneer days of Illinois when Indians and wild animals roamed at large over the prairies, and Mr. Vanatta in reminiscent mood often told of those times and also when as a boy he was held on the knee of the old chief Black Hawk. On March 31, 1853, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Robbins, of Illinois City, who was born twenty-two miles from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, February 14, 1832. He died February 5, 1910, at the home of his daughter in Rock Island. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Eliza Felix, of Aledo, Illinois, and by eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He was a man of many noble characteristics who assisted to the extent of his ability in promoting the comfort and happiness of those with whom he associated. In 1860 he united with the Methodist church at Illinois City and continued a consistent member of that denomination during the remainder of his life. There were six children in his family: John, the subject of this review; Mrs. J. F. Gaunt, of Koshkonong, Missouri; Perry, deceased; George, of Texico, New Mexico; Mrs. Icy Bradford, of Rock Island; and Bert, of Reynolds, Illinois.

John Vanatta received the advantages of a common-school education and continued at home until twenty-two years of age, when he rented the old homestead in Rock Island county, Illinois, conducting it very successfully for thirteen years. In the spring of 1889, having decided to cast his lot with the state of Iowa, he purchased land on sections 6 and 7, Wapsinonoc township, Muscatine county, upon which he took up his residence. He is now the owner of two hundred and sixty-two acres which he has brought to a high state of cultivation. He has made a specialty of raising and feeding hogs and cattle with such excellent results that he is now well-to-do and can spend the remainder of his life, if he so desires, free from the turmoil and cares of business. He has financial interests other than those pertaining to his farm and is a director of the Citizens Savings Bank of West Liberty.

On the 2d of March, 1876, Mr. Vanatta was united in marriage to Miss Anna S. Fisher, who was born at Illinois City, April 8, 1855, a daughter of James H., and Salome (Hoffman) Fisher. The mother was a native of Alsace, born in the town of Westhofen, county of DuBas, Rhine, France, December 26, 1828, and came to America with her parents when about eight years of age. The family stopped for a time in Ohio but in 1846 removed to Iowa City. On the 26th of November, 1850, Miss Hoffman was married to Mr. Fisher, who was born in Hanover, York county, Pennsylvania, in 1826. They lived for a short time at Illinois City, Illinois, but in 1855 took up their residence in Solon, Iowa. Mr. Fisher died in 1871 and his wife June 28, 1907. There were ten children in their family.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Vanatta has been blessed by the birth of five children, namely: George H., born February 20, 1878, who is married and lives in Marion, Linn county, Iowa; Leo E., who was born August 31, 1884 and died September 8, 1884; Clarence F., who was born March 14, 1887, and is now a student in college at Iowa City; Edith M., who was born April 8, 1890, and died three days following; and Lela Pearl, who was born June 17, 1894, and is now a student in the West Liberty high school. Mrs. Vanatta is a woman of fine intellectual attainments, having received a college education and taught school very successfully for several years previous to her marriage.

Politically Mr. Vanatta is identified with the republican party. He has never aspired to public office but served for several years as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is identified with the camp of Modern Woodmen of America at West Liberty. He and his estimable wife are now living retired, making their home upon their farm and also spending their winters in California in the enjoyment of the fruits of well applied labor. Mr. and Mrs. Vanatta are members of and active workers in the Methodist church, of which he is a trustee. On account of their unselfish character they are truly honored by all who know them.

AUSTIN NELSON.

Among the highly estimated citizens of Orono township Austin Nelson deserves mention in a work of permanent interest relating to Muscatine county and its people. He was born in this county, June 22, 1868, a son of Joseph and Elizabeth (Adams) Nelson, the father having been born in Coshocton county, Ohio, and the mother in Bedford county, Pennsylvania. They were married in the east in 1845 and nine years later came to Iowa, settling upon a farm in Muscatine county. Mrs. Nelson departed this life April 11, 1887, and in 1890 Mr. Nelson removed to Columbus Junction, where he remained for a short time, then taking up his residence in Muscatine. He died in 1900. There were six children in their family, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Florence, now deceased; Dora, the widow of H. V. McKee, of Denver, Colorado; Eva, now the wife of Charles Mickey, of Omaha, Nebraska; and Austin, the subject of this review.

Austin Nelson was educated in the public schools of Muscatine county, and as he grew to manhood became well acquainted with all the details of farm work. He remained at home assisting his father until eighteen years of age and then began farming on his own account, renting land for several years. He also worked by the month, and, having acquired sufficient capital, he bought land in Orono township, which he proceeded diligently to develop. He now owns a beautiful farm of two hundred and forty acres on sections 20 and 21. He carries on general farming and spares no pains to secure the best result from his labor. He is very thorough in what he undertakes and has brought his farm to a high state of cultivation, having now one of the model places of the township.

On the 17th of February, 1903, Mr. Nelson was united in marriage to Mrs. Nancy Heath, who was born in Orono township, September 27, 1872, a daughter of William and Dicy (Idle) Harper, both of whom were born in Champaign county, Ohio. They were married in their native state and later removed to Indiana, subsequently settling on a farm in Muscatine county. The father retired in 1889 and passed away June 7, 1904. The mother was called from earthly scenes March 1, 1905. Their remains were interred in Conesville cemetery. Mr. Harper was very successful as a farmer and became the owner of three hundred and ten acres of land in this county. Five children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Harper, two of whom died in infancy, the others being: Mil-

dred, now the wife of Albert McCollough, of Columbus Junction; Julia, the wife of Fred Thomas, of Howard, Kansas; and Nancy, now Mrs. Austin Nelson, who has been twice married, her first husband being Heath, of Indiana. Their wedding was celebrated June 26, 1890, and they became the parents of four children: Ida May, born March 9, 1892, who is now the wife of Vernie Forbes of Louisa county, Iowa; Sylvia D., born September 28, 1893, now living at Howard, Kansas; Nettie E., born July 14, 1896, living at home; and William H., born September 28, 1898, also living at home. One child, Harold, has come to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, his natal day being January 12, 1904.

Mr. Nelson is a man of good business judgment and possesses in an unusual degree the respect and confidence of his neighbors and friends which he has richly deserved by his industrious and useful life. Religiously, he is identified with the Reformed church, and politically, he gives his support to the democratic party and has served most acceptably as constable for four years. Fraternally, he is a member of Lodge No. 4382, Modern Woodmen of America of Conesville.

I. D. HADLEY.

I. D. Hadley, who is in charge of the home farm in Cedar township, which has been in possession of the family for three generations, is a native of Madison county, Iowa, and was born June 11, 1874. He is a son of William and Amelia (Dewitt) Hadley, the former of whom was born at New Orleans and the latter at Covington, Kentucky. They came to Iowa with their respective parents who settled in Muscatine county. After his marriage William Hadley began farming on a place which had been entered from the government by the grandparents of our subject and after remaining there ten years he rented a farm and removed to Madison county, Iowa, where he died July 11, 1874. The mother of our subject returned to Muscatine county and made her home with her parents until their deaths, in 1888, when she purchased the interest of the other heirs and now owns two hundred acres in Muscatine and Louisa counties. She is now sixty-four years of age and has lived in Muscatine since 1900. There were four children in the family, our subject being the youngest. The other members were: Charlotte, who died at the age of thirty-five years; and Frances C. and Edward E., both living with their mother.

I. D. Hadley grew up under the loving care of his mother, the father having died when the subject of this review was in his infancy. He received his education in the district schools and by reading and observation has greatly extended his knowledge and is today one of the well informed and progressive men of the community. He early showed marked ability in farming and after his marriage, at twenty-seven years of age, took charge of the old homestead where he has since continued. In addition to raising cereals he is an extensive feeder of cattle and hogs and is one of the large shippers of the township. As he gives thoughtful attention to his work and the farm is amply supplied with

every needed facility he may truly be said to be at the head of one of the model establishments of the kind in the county.

On the 27th of December, 1900, Mr. Hadley was united in marriage to Miss Vesta Brown, who was born in Cedar township, December 21, 1877, and is a daughter of T. M. and Sophia (Ferry) Brown, the former of whom was born in Indiana and the latter in New York state. They were married at Columbus Junction, Iowa, and subsequently Mr. Brown had charge of a ferry across the Cedar river. In 1861 he became a soldier for the Union in the Civil war and served faithfully for three years as orderly sergeant of his company. After leaving the army he returned to Muscatine county and engaged in farming until 1905, since which time he has lived retired at Letts. He has now reached the age of seventy-eight years, while his beloved wife is seventy-four years of age. Nine children were born to them, namely: Edwin B., of Groton, South Dakota; Henry B., deceased at the age of five years; Cora E., who died at the age of one year; Horace F., of Durham, Missouri; Myra, who died in 1890; Julia E., now the wife of Cella W. Blake; Hugh T., of Doby, Oklahoma; Vesta, now Mrs. Brown; and Lucius A., of Letts. Mathew Brown, the grandfather of Mrs. Hadley, was a native of Indiana and on coming here surveyed the county for the first time. He then returned to Indiana and brought his family to Muscatine county, where he built one of the old fashioned homes. He lost his life indirectly by fighting prairie fires. Two children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hadley: Edward B., born May 1, 1902; and James Ward, born May 13, 1906.

Mr. Hadley devotes his attention closely to his business affairs and has not given much time to politics. He is in sympathy with the democratic party but is liberal in his views and in voting is not confined entirely to party lines. Active, independent and efficient, he fairly represents the progressive citizenship into whose hands the reins of state and nation are passing. Mr. Hadley has many friends who prophesy for him a highly successful and honorable future.

DAVID B. NAFTZGER.

Having acquired a competence through his own efforts in legitimate industry, David B. Naftzger has been living retired at ease in West Liberty for the past eleven years. He comes of German and Swiss parentage, and in his career of persistent and wisely directed application, displayed many of the admirable characteristics of his ancestors. Born in Wayne county, Ohio, January 3, 1844, he is the son of Peter and Catherine (Shrock) Naftzger, the father being a native of Prussia and the mother of Switzerland. Peter Naftzger came to the United States at the age of nineteen years, making the trip in a sailing vessel, which required six weeks to cross the ocean. After spending some time in Ohio, he removed in 1868 to Albany, Whiteside county, Illinois, where he continued to reside until his death, which occurred in 1882. He was by trade a wagonmaker, but after becoming well established in this country was attracted to a religious life and served most acceptably as a minister of the United

Brethren church. His wife passed away in 1905. There were nine children in the family, three of whom are now living: David B., the subject of this review; Noah, of Whiteside county, Illinois; and L. S., of Wichita, Kansas.

David B. Naftzger was educated in the public schools of Ohio and continued under the parental roof until twenty-seven years of age. He removed with the family to Illinois, where he engaged for four years in farming on his own account. In 1875 he located in Wapsinonoc township, Muscatine county, where he continued until 1900, when he removed to West Liberty. As a farmer and stock-feeder, he attained a gratifying measure of success, having always been industrious and exercising good judgment in the course of his work. He owns the comfortable residence in which he lives.

In 1871 Mr. Naftzger was united in marriage to Miss Anna Myers, a daughter of John and Katharine (Hoover) Myers. The father was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1799, and removed to Ohio in 1838, where he was married three years later. He was a school teacher in early manhood and in later years devoted his attention to politics, occupying several different county offices and being one of the leaders in the councils of the republican party. He was a faithful member of the United Brethern church and a singer of marked ability. Of three children born to Mr. and Mrs. Myers, the eldest, J. W., died in the army; Leo, the youngest, is also deceased; and Anna, now Mrs. Naftzger, is the only one living.

To Mr. and Mrs. Naftzger six children have been born, three of whom are living, namely: Catherine, the wife of B. D. Clark, a Christian minister of Houston, Texas, and the mother of four children, Sidney, Lois, Lynn and Miles; Mildred, at home; and Jesse B., now a practicing physician of Hot Springs, South Dakota. He graduated from the West Liberty high school and the Iowa State Medical College and took a post-graduate course at Vienna, Austria, being now highly successful as an eye, ear, nose and throat specialist. He is married and has two children: Jack and Robinelle.

Mr. Naftzger gives his support to the republican party, and in religious belief he and his wife are adherents of the Christian church. In the course of a long and active career he has been diligent and conscientious in the discharge of his obligations, and he, therefore, is greatly respected by all with whom he has come in contact.

ARTHUR J. OLIVER, M. D.

Dr. Arthur J. Oliver, whose time and talents are devoted to the practice of medicine and surgery in Muscatine, has always been a resident of the middle west and seems to possess the spirit of energy and enterprise which has been the dominant factor in the upbuilding and progress of this section of the country. His birth occurred in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, August 18, 1870, his parents being James and Emily (Scott) Oliver.

The family is of Irish lineage. The paternal grandfather, Stephen Oliver, was a native of County Cork, Ireland, but when fifteen years of age he left

that country to become a resident of America, settling first in New York city, while later he removed to Batavia, New York, and subsequently became a resident of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where he followed blacksmithing and wagon making. He was thus closely connected with the industrial activity of the place to the time of his death, which occurred when he was seventy-one years of age. He married a Miss Kendall and they had four children: William, Mary, Louisa and James K. The maternal grandfather of Dr. Oliver was Horace Scott, a native of New York, who devoted his attention in early life to merchandising but subsequently took up the occupation of farming. In 1871 he established his home in Palo Alto county, Iowa, where he carried on general agricultural pursuits and also engaged in preaching as a minister of the Christian church. His noble, upright life had marked influence in the community in which he lived, and when he passed away, at the age of sixty-nine years, his death was the occasion of deep regret to many who knew him. His wife bore the maiden name of Sarah Moore and they had a large family, namely: Emily E., Jeanette, Ida, Horace, Walter, Benjamin and Matilda.

James K. Oliver, the father of Dr. Oliver, was born in the Empire state and in early manhood followed the profession of school teaching. Following his removal to Iowa he turned his attention to the lumber business in Dubuque but later became identified with agricultural pursuits, settling on a farm in Clay county, Iowa. His remaining days were devoted to the tilling of the soil. At the time of the Civil war, however, he put aside all business and personal considerations to aid in the defense of the Union, enlisting in Company K, Twenty-seventh Wisconsin Infantry, of which he was made first sergeant. He continued with that command through the four years of strife and made a most creditable military record, participating in many hotly contested engagements and taking his place on the picket line when occasion demanded or marching with the troops as they made their way after the retreating enemy. He married Emily Scott, a native of Ohio, and they became the parents of three children: Arthur J.; Edna M., who is living in Ruthven, Iowa; and Lola M., also a resident of Ruthven. The death of the father occurred in 1908, when he was sixty-eight years of age, and the mother passed away in 1898 at the age of fifty years. She was a consistent member of the Christian church, and both were held in high esteem by a large circle of friends.

Dr. Oliver was reared upon the home farm in Clay county, early becoming familiar with the tasks of plowing, planting and harvesting. In his early youth he attended the district schools but, ambitious to enjoy broader educational opportunities, afterward entered Drake University and thus in a comprehensive literary education laid the foundation upon which to build the superstructure of his professional knowledge. In preparation for the practice of medicine he entered Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1896. He then opened an office in Muscatine, where he has since practiced and the growth of his patronage indicates the recognition of his ability on the part of the public. He belongs to the Muscatine County Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Medical Association and enjoys the respect of his fellow practitioners because of his close conformity to a high standard of professional ethics.

On the 21st of February, 1898, Dr. Oliver married Miss Nellie Fitzgerald, a native of Muscatine, where her parents, James and Nanno (Kennefick) Fitzgerald, settled at an early day. They were natives of Ireland. Dr. and Mrs. Oliver have one child, Nanno R., who is with her parents in the family residence at No. 316 Walnut street, which property is owned by Dr. Oliver.

Mrs. Oliver is a member of the Catholic church. The Doctor belongs to Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M.; Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M.; the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Improved Order of Red Men. His political support is given to the republican party, and in all matters relative to the general welfare he is deeply interested. He is respected by the community at large and honored by his professional associates.

THOMAS FRENZEL.

From a rude log cabin to a handsome and commodious residence, supplied with modern conveniences is a long step, yet it has been made by Thomas Frenzel, a well known citizen of Muscatine county, whose home is in Moscow township. He is a native of Germany, born February 4, 1845, and is a son of John E. and Elizabeth (Breslin) Frenzel, also natives of the fatherland. John E. Frenzel became convinced that America offered opportunities not to be found in the older settled countries of Europe and accordingly, in 1847, he came with his family to America and selected Muscatine county, Iowa, as the location where he would attempt to work out his destiny. He purchased one hundred and twenty acres of land, on which there was a log cabin, and there the family resided for nine years, the father then erecting a brick house, which still stands on the farm. He departed this life in 1878, the mother passing away in 1894, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. There were eight children in the family, six sons and two daughters, seven of whom are now living.

Thomas Frenzel was reared on the home farm, where he early gained a practical knowledge which he was able to put to good use later on his own account. He had no opportunity for acquiring an education in the common schools but through his own efforts, assisted by well disposed people with whom he came in contact, he learned to read and write the English and German languages. After reaching manhood he rented a farm for six years and in 1879 purchased ninety-six and one-half acres, which he improved by the erection of a residence and other buildings, later acquiring one hundred and sixty acres in another part of the township, so that at the present time he is the owner of two hundred and fifty-six and one-half acres of good land in Muscatine county. There is a brick house standing on the farm which he first purchased that was erected in 1847 and is still in a good state of preservation. Mr. Frenzel has devoted himself to general farming and has attained the prosperity which indicates thrift and good judgment.

In 1873 Mr. Frenzel was united in marriage to Miss Martha Hucke, who was born in Germany, September 15, 1853, a daughter of Conrad and Kathrine (Glover) Hucke. She came to Muscatine county with her parents when she

was three years of age, the father renting land for ten years and then becoming the owner of a farm in Moscow township. He accumulated a good property. He died in 1878 and his wife survived him until January, 1889. Four of their nine children are now living. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Frenzel has been blessed by the birth of three children: Laura Kathrine, now the wife of Louis Schmidt, of Muscatine county; Martha M. L., at home; and Henry, who was born January 19, 1874, and died in September of the same year.

It would be difficult to find a more striking example of the beneficial effects of industry than that presented in the career of Mr. Frenzel. Starting out entirely on his own resources, not even having the advantages of a common-school education, he years ago attained a competence and each returning season adds to his prosperity. He is justly regarded as one of the substantial men of Moscow township. He has been greatly assisted by his wife, who is a woman of sound judgment and as head of the household has ably supplemented the labors of her husband. They are both members of the German Lutheran church and are favorably known, their sterling worth being recognized throughout the community.

MORITZ BERNICK.

Moritz Bernick, a prosperous and representative farmer and stock-raiser of Fulton township, is the owner of two hundred and forty acres of land in this county. His birth occurred in Germany on the 26th of July, 1848, his parents being Moritz and Elizabeth (Reckler) Bernick, who were likewise natives of that country. They crossed the Atlantic to the United States in 1856, first settling in Davenport, Iowa, where they remained for a year. On the expiration of that period Mr. Bernick rented a farm in Scott county, operating the same until 1866, when he came to Muscatine county, here purchasing one hundred and sixty acres of land. The further cultivation and improvement of that property claimed his attention throughout the remainder of his active business career and in connection with the tilling of the soil he made a specialty of feeding and raising stock, meeting with success in both branches of his business. His demise occurred on the 27th of April, 1895, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1897. Four of their children are still living, namely: Elizabeth, the wife of Charles Schiele; Moritz, of this review; Frederick; and Adolph.

Moritz Bernick remained under the parental roof until twenty-six years of age, when he was married and established a home of his own. At that time he started out as an agriculturist on his own account, operating one of his father's farms until the latter's death, when he came into possession of the property. Since that time he has added to his holdings by purchase until he now owns four hundred and forty acres of well improved land in Muscatine county, all of which is under a high state of cultivation except a forty-acre timber tract. He likewise owns four hundred and forty acres of land, all improved, in Audrain county, Missouri. In addition to the production of cereals he is also engaged in the raising and feeding of stock, both branches of his business proving a gratifying source of remuneration to him.



MR. AND MRS. MORITZ BERNICK

In October, 1874, Mr. Bernick was united in marriage to Miss Annie Beh, who was born in Buffalo, Iowa, in 1857, her parents being Frank and Caroline (Heckle) Beh, natives of Germany. They emigrated to America in 1852, first settling in Detroit, Michigan, where they remained but a short time. Subsequently they took up their abode in Buffalo, Iowa, where Mr. Beh carried on general agricultural pursuits until called to his final rest in 1898. His wife passed away in 1904. They reared a family of eight children, as follows: Henry, Annie, Joseph, Katie, Frank, Charles T., Mary and Benjamin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernick have six children, namely: Moritz H., of Davenport, Iowa, who was born December 6, 1875, and who attended the Ames Agricultural College for two years; Hulda, whose birth occurred in 1877 and who likewise attended college for two years; Frank, whose natal day was March 5, 1879, completed a course of study in the business college at Muscatine and now resides on one of his father's farms in this county; Katherine, who was born March 1, 1884, attended college at Davenport and is now the wife of Edward Lindle of Muscatine county; Elizabeth, whose birth occurred January 5, 1889, and who attended normal school for two years; and Joseph, who was born January 5, 1891, and who pursued his studies in the college at Davenport for two years.

In politics Mr. Bernick is a republican and for ten years he ably served his fellow townsmen as county supervisor. He also held the position of school treasurer for two years and at all times proved a most efficient and trustworthy public official. Fraternally he is identified with the Modern Brotherhood of America, belonging to Lodge No. 118 at Pleasant Prairie, Iowa. His wife and children are Catholics in religious faith. He has remained a resident of this part of the state from early boyhood and is a man whose upright and honorable life has won him the warm regard and esteem of his associates.

JOHN FRANKLIN WILLIAMS.

A leading farmer of Cedar township, John F. Williams owes his success to a worthy ambition which he has wisely fostered so that today he owns a fine farm of two hundred and sixty-three and one-half acres in one of the richest agricultural belts of the state. He is justly entitled to his reputation as one of the substantial men of the county. Born in Union county, Indiana, October 28, 1857, he is a son of Joseph D. and Lucy A. (Burgess) Williams, also natives of Union county.

Joseph D. Williams was born in Union county, Indiana, on the 16th of February, 1821, and was one of a family of twelve children, his parents being Anthony and Eleanore (Fourdice) Williams. The grandfather of our subject died in the Hoosier state in 1848, at the ripe old age of seventy-four years. Until twenty-two years of age Joseph D. Williams remained with his parents, but in 1842 and 1843 made a trip through Illinois and Iowa and finally purchased eighty acres of land in Cedar township, this county. Returning to his old home in Indiana, he then took charge of a pottery which had been left his widowed sister, Mrs. Durvall, and he remained in charge of the same for eight

years. He subsequently engaged in the mercantile business for some time and on selling out in 1850 came to Iowa and bought forty acres of land adjoining his first purchase. Upon this farm he then continued to reside, devoting his time and energies to agricultural pursuits, until his death, which occurred February 16, 1892.

On the 28th of October, 1852, in Indiana, was celebrated the marriage of Joseph D. Williams and Miss Lucy Ann Burgess, a daughter of Joseph and Adda Eliza (Johnson) Burgess and a granddaughter of William and Caroline A. Burgess. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Williams. Mary E., born August 13, 1853, married David E. Kerr, who died May 24, 1877, and for her second husband she wedded Isaac Shellabarger, of Louisa county, Iowa. Of the four children born of the first marriage three are living and one by the second marriage. Florence E., born October 3, 1855, died November 29, 1870. John F., the subject of this sketch, is next in order of birth. Samuel C., born February 19, 1860, is a resident of Illinois. Kate M., born June 9, 1862, is the wife of George Hawkins, of this county, and has one child. Ida May, born May 19, 1864, and Jessie F., born September 16, 1866, were playing in a building when it caught fire and both burned to death July 13, 1874. The other members of the family are: Edith A., born June 17, 1868; Della J., born April 17, 1871; Ida E., born December 27, 1875; and Monroe C., born September 2, 1882. The father of these children was a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellows fraternities.

John F. Williams continued under the parental roof until he reached the age of twenty-four years, when he began farming on his own account by renting land and two years later purchased forty acres in Cedar township, Muscatine county. By the exercise of energy and good judgment in his calling he was able largely to increase the size and value of his property and the farm which he now owns is one of the very desirable landed possessions of the region. He has made many improvements and in his work uses the best improved machinery. He has been especially successful in raising and marketing a good grade of hogs but he also gives attention to other farm animals and in addition to this he is a large raiser of grain. He is interested in town property at Muscatine and at Letts and is a stockholder of the Muscatine State Bank.

On the 6th of March, 1881, Mr. Williams was united in marriage to Miss Williametta Epperly, who was born in Muscatine county, March 28, 1863, a daughter of William and Lucretia (Fry) Epperly, the father being a native of Indiana and the mother of Wisconsin. The parents were married in Muscatine county, where Mr. Epperly for many years was actively interested in farming. He retired in 1900 and now lives at Muscatine. His first wife passed away in June, 1870, and Mr. Epperly was again married, the lady of his choice being Elizabeth R. Shellebarger, of Ohio. Three children were born of the first union, namely: Williametta, now Mrs. Williams; Jared J., of Oregon; and Margaret Ann, now the wife of John Schulte, of Quincy, Illinois. By the second marriage of Mr. Epperly two children were born: Harry G., now living on a farm in Cedar township; and Ethel, the wife of Bruce Jackson, of Muscatine.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have three children. Edith Estella, born November 8, 1883, was educated in the high school and is now the wife of Cornell Uhr, a carpenter of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. They have three children living: Williametta May, born May 11, 1903; and Marvin and Mabel, twins, born in December, 1907. Harley Edwin, the second child of Mr. and Mrs. Williams, was born September 29, 1886. He received a business-college education and was married in December, 1905, to Miss Isola Wadkins, of Nichols, Iowa, a daughter of Charles and Hattie (May) Wadkins, who are natives of Iowa and Michigan respectively. One child, Howard Noal, whose natal day was November 4, 1906, has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Harley E. Williams. The father now has charge of part of the family homestead. Isaac, the third child, was born September 4, 1891. He received the advantage of a course in a business college and now lives in Muscatine. He was married April 27, 1909, to Miss Mildred Heller, who was born in Muscatine in 1891 and is a daughter of Charles and Fanny (Mathews) Heller, who were parents of six children, four of whom are now living, namely: Martha, Harriet, Adelaide and Mildred. One child, Adelaide Jane, born September 20, 1910, came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Williams.

John F. Williams is a sincere advocate of education, as is indicated by the school advantages given his children, thus greatly assisting them in working out the problems of life. He is also an active worker in the promotion of good fellowship and his home is a center of hospitality, where friends and acquaintances are accorded a cordial greeting. Fraternally he is connected with Lodge No. 4783, M. W. A., of Letts, and politically he is identified with the republican party. He and his family are members in good standing of the United Brethren church.

WILLIAM DAVID CONKLIN.

William David Conklin, who owns a well cultivated farm in Wapsinonoc township and is recognized as one of the substantial men of the locality, was born in New Jersey, April 5, 1867. He is the son of William E. and Matilda (Weyer) Conklin, the former a native of New Jersey and the latter of New York city. They were married in that city and in 1880 came west, remaining for three years in Missouri. Believing that more favorable conditions prevailed in the state of Iowa, Mr. Conklin disposed of his interests in Missouri and located at West Liberty, continuing there until his death, which occurred in 1908. The mother is still living and has arrived at the age of sixty-five years. Of their family of nine children, eight are living, the subject of this review being the oldest. The other members of the family are: Rose, now the wife of Spencer Ayres, of West Liberty; Anna, the wife of David Cornwall, of Downing, Iowa; Isabel N., now Mrs. Erb Lodge, of West Liberty; Charley E. and George M., also of West Liberty; Hattie L., the wife of Justin Gray, of West Liberty; and A. Benjamin, also of West Liberty.

William David Conklin came to Iowa with his parents at the age of thirteen years. He received his education in the common schools of New Jersey and

Iowa and continued with his parents until twenty-three years of age. Having married, he worked by the month for five years and then began renting land, managing with such good judgment that in 1909 he purchased sixty-five acres on section 2, Wapsinonoc township, which is now one of the most desirable places of its size in the township and pays a handsome revenue.

On the 3d of July, 1890, Mr. Conklin was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Marolf, who was born in Switzerland, March 14, 1868, a daughter of Benjamin and Anna B. (Moore) Marolf, both of whom are deceased. Of the twelve children born to Mr. and Mrs. Marolf two besides Mrs. Conklin came to America, namely: Alfred, who is now living upon a farm east of West Liberty; and Gottfred, of South Dakota. The other brothers and sisters of Mrs. Conklin still make their homes in Europe. Five children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Conklin: Elmer E., born February 8, 1891; Anna M., April 14, 1892; Lura May, January 13, 1894; Minnie Louise, January 25, 1902; and Mabel L., December 25, 1904. All are living at home, being given every advantage that the public schools present and also the inestimable blessing of a genial home atmosphere.

Mr. Conklin from the beginning of his business career has been active and industrious and as he has used sound judgment he has met with the success that results from well applied labor. He is an earnest advocate of the principles of the republican party and is now serving most acceptably as a member of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with the camp of the Modern Woodmen of America at West Liberty. He has reared his children in the Protestant faith and by their upright and useful lives Mr. and Mrs. Conklin have attracted many friends in Wapsinonoc township.

HENRY W. ZEIDLER.

The business and professional interests of Muscatine are well represented by Henry W. Zeidler, a widely known architect and contractor, who has spent his entire life here. He comes well by his talents, as his father was a carpenter and contractor of good practical ability and his work may now be seen in many buildings. Mr. Zeidler was born January 2, 1859, and is a son of William and Christina Zeidler, both of whom were born near Berlin, Germany. The father was one of the early settlers of Muscatine and he and his estimable wife are both living in this city in the enjoyment of rest after many years of activity. He did a great deal of contracting in Muscatine and gained a reputation as one of its substantial and trustworthy men. He and his wife are identified with the Methodist church. John Zeidler, the paternal grandfather, was also a native of Germany. He came to this country and died at Burlington, Iowa, at the age of seventy-eight years. Of the children of William and Christina Zeidler six are now living: Henry W., our subject; Charles J., Edward, Arthur, Clara, now Mrs. Paul Steinmetz, and Hannah, at home.

The subject of this review was reared in Muscatine and attended the public schools, later becoming a student at the university at Mount Pleasant, Iowa,

where he took up the study of architecture and gained a theoretical knowledge which he has since applied with beneficial results not only to himself but to his native city. He has planned many of the large structures of Muscatine, among them being school buildings, stores, residences and churches, and the beautiful chapel at Greenwood cemetery. He superintended the construction of the First National Bank building of Muscatine and planned the residence of Peter Musser, on Mulberry avenue, and many other buildings. By good taste and judgment he has acquired a reputation as one of the most capable architects in this part of the state.

In October, 1884, Mr. Zeidler was united in marriage to Miss Kate Anna Wittich, a daughter of Weiner Wittich, of Muscatine. She is a member of one of the old families of this city and has proved to her husband a loving and helpful companion. Three children were born to them. Walter, who is connected with the Roach & Musser sash factory, married Alvina Minster and they have two children, Robert and Alvin. Wesley married Nettie Kemper and is a carpenter by trade. Huldah is bookkeeper and typewriter for her uncle, E. J. Zeidler, in his dry-goods store and is now living at home.

Mr. Zeidler politically is allied with the republican party and is a staunch upholder of its principles. He served three terms as a member of the board of supervisors of Muscatine and while in that position accomplished much work which resulted in permanent benefit to the city. He holds membership in Iowa Lodge, No. 2, A. F. & A. M. and Washington Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M., also being identified with Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias. He and his wife are valued members of the Methodist church. Whether as a professional man, public official or private citizen, Mr. Zeidler has proven his efficiency and is known as one of the most useful members of the community. He is a man whose assistance may always be depended upon to promote the public good.

GEORGE C. CHOWN.

George C. Chown, an energetic and enterprising farmer of Muscatine county, was born in Zanesville, Ohio, June 25, 1860. His father, William Chown, was born in Devonshire, England, March 26, 1826, and made farming his life occupation. Before leaving his native land he married Sarah Ann Symonds by whom he had one child, Leah, who died in infancy, and his wife passed away February 6, 1855. Later in the same year he came to the United States and subsequently located in Zanesville, Ohio, where he had a brother living. Shortly afterward he married Ann Jane Robinson, and to them were born four children of whom two are now living—John, a resident of Nebraska, and George C., of this review. The mother of these children died while the father was serving in the army during the Civil war. On the 26th of October, 1863, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Harriett Dyche, and three children blessed this union, namely: Mrs. Mary Daniels, Mrs. Eliza Wolford and Charles R. Chown of Port Allen, Iowa. The third wife died August 3, 1906, and on the 30th of September, 1908, Mr. Chown married Mrs. Mary Holiday of Columbus Junction, Iowa, who

passed away in 1910, while his death occurred on the 15th of January in the same year, when he was nearly eighty-four years of age. He had come to Muscatine county in 1861 and shortly afterward enlisted for three years in the Union army. After his discharge he returned to this state but in 1865 again went to the front as a substitute and remained in the service until hostilities ceased.

George C. Chown at the age of three years became a member of the household of Joseph Crane, a farmer of Muscatine county. Here he was reared, receiving his education in the public schools and as he grew to manhood becoming thoroughly acquainted with the various details of farm work. At twenty-one years of age he hired out to neighboring farmers and thus continued until his marriage, since which time he has farmed on rented land. He is now in comfortable circumstances, having prospered in his calling.

On the 23d of March, 1892, Mr. Chown was united in marriage to Miss Alice Meyers, a daughter of Henry and Mary Meyers, both of whom were born in Germany. Her parents were identified with the farming interests of Muscatine county. The mother departed this life in 1883 and the father two years later. There were eight children in their family, seven of whom are now living: Mary, who became Mrs. George Chown, of Louisa county, Iowa; Elizabeth, the wife of L. D. Chown, of Nichols, Iowa; Alice, the wife of our subject; Henry, of Muscatine county; William, of Audubon county, Iowa; Louis, of North Dakota; and Jesse, of Muscatine. Mr. and Mrs. Chown are the parents of two children: Albert F., born April 25, 1896; and Ethel Marie, August 30, 1901.

Mr. Chown is a staunch supporter of the republican party. He is a good friend of the common schools, believing that they are the bulwark of the nation, and has served with general acceptance as member of the school board of his district. Having early learned the great lesson of self-reliance, he has made his own way in the world and by persistent industry he has gained a position of comparative independence. His record is that of an honorable, upright man, whose personal character has been a growing influence for good. He clearly deserves a place in a work presenting the biographies of progressive and substantial citizens of Muscatine county.

HOWARD M. BARTLETT.

The life record of Howard M. Bartlett stands in contradistinction to the old adage that "A prophet is never without honor save in his own country," for in Muscatine, the city of his nativity, Mr. Bartlett has won recognition as an able, capable lawyer—a splendid representative of the profession to which life, liberty, right and property must look for protection.

He was born October 13, 1875, the elder of the two children of Martin and Sultana (Fulliam) Bartlett, his brother being Jerome F. Bartlett. The father was born in Virginia, but the mother is a native of Muscatine and a representative of one of the old pioneer families here. The paternal grandfather, also a native of the Old Dominion, followed farming there but died at a compara-

tively early age. He had married a Miss Metz and their children were George W., Thomas, Matthew, Trevanial and Martin. The maternal grandfather, Dr. George W. Fulliam, married a Miss Morford and died when but thirty-five years of age, leaving two children, Sultana and Elizabeth. For his second wife Mr. Fulliam wedded Miss Van Natta, and their children were George W., Jr., Dr. Edmund B., Dr. Jefferson D., Stonewall, Etta and Alberta. Of this number the eldest is now deceased.

Martin Bartlett was reared to the occupation of farming, which he followed in young manhood, but later turned his attention to pork-packing, becoming the owner of five factories in Muscatine. He made his way westward to this city about 1849 and for almost a half century continued a worthy and valued resident here. His death occurred in 1896 when he was sixty-five years of age. He took an active interest in politics, supporting the green-back party, and at all times was loyal to his honest belief. Mrs. Bartlett, who survives her husband, is a member of the Episcopal church.

Spending his boyhood and youth in his parents' home, Howard M. Bartlett was sent at the usual age to the public schools and afterward attended the Wentworth Military College at Lexington, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1892. He was not content even then to consider his education complete and became a student in the West Chester (Pennsylvania) State Normal School, where he pursued a special course, being graduated in 1894. He afterward entered Dickinson College at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he pursued a preparatory law course and next matriculated in the Northwestern University at Ada, Ohio, being graduated from the law department in 1897. The same year he was admitted to practice before the Ohio bar. However, he still continued his studies in Highland Park College and Drake University at Des Moines, where he completed his course in 1897. He then passed the required examination before the supreme court and was admitted to the bar, after which he opened a law office in Muscatine. Here he has made steady progress in his profession and is regarded as one of the leading young lawyers of his native city. He doesn't concentrate his energies entirely, however, upon his profession but has other and important business interests. He has erected a large number of houses in Muscatine, and his real-estate business is extensive. He has also laid out two additions to the city and is interested in property elsewhere, being the owner of four farms near the city, comprising four hundred acres of land in Iowa, while in Mexico he owns about ten thousand acres. He also conducts a storage business, having the only fireproof storage building in Muscatine.

On the 28th of April, 1909, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Bartlett and Miss Helen Block, a native of this city, while her parents, David and Yetta (Hilb) Block, were natives of Germany. In the early '50s they arrived in Muscatine where the father established a clothing business which he carried on here for forty years or more. He was one of the highly honored merchants of the city, and his well directed energy in business brought him substantial and well merited success. He died in 1892 and is still survived by his wife. Their family numbered seven children, of whom four are living: Jennie, the wife of

Isaac Hoffman; Frances, who married a Mr. Rosenbaum; Ida; and Helen H., the wife of Mr. Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett reside at No. 509 Chestnut street. The hospitality of the best homes of the city is freely accorded them, and they have an extensive circle of warm friends here. In his political views Mr. Bartlett is an earnest democrat but not an office seeker. He belongs to the Excelsior Hose Company of Muscatine; the Muscatine Lodge, B. P. O. E.; and to Eagle Lodge, No. 815. He is also a member of the Commercial Club and was the organizer of the Muscatine Launch Club, two of the prominent and leading social organizations of the city.

JOSHUA A. MILLS.

Joshua A. Mills, the owner of a fine farm of two hundred and twenty-five acres on section 12, Pike township, was there born on the 16th of November, 1856, his parents being David and Ann (Christman) Mills. The father's birth occurred near Columbus, Ohio, on the 23d of August, 1813, while the mother was born in Pennsylvania in 1816. Their marriage was celebrated in the Buckeye state. They came to Iowa in 1849 and the following year took up their abode in Muscatine county, locating on the farm which is now in possession of our subject. David Mills devoted his time and energies to its operation until called to his final rest in April, 1895, at which time the property comprised one hundred and eighty acres of well improved land. He lived to attain the ripe old age of eighty-two years and during forty-five years remained a resident of Muscatine county, becoming widely recognized as one of its substantial and respected citizens. His wife passed away December 31, 1894, when seventy-seven years of age. The record of their children is as follows: Van Buren, who makes his home at West Liberty, Iowa; Louis F., who is a resident of Hermosa, South Dakota; Elizabeth H., who is the widow of Jeremiah Foster and lives in Muscatine; Joshua A., of this review; Amos, who is deceased; Cordelia, who died in infancy; and Gediah and William, who died in early life.

Joshua A. Mills attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and has remained on the home farm from his birth to the present time. When his father passed away he took charge of the place and has since extended its boundaries by additional purchase until it now embraces two hundred and twenty-five acres of valuable land on section 12, Pike township. As the years have gone by he has made many modern improvements and he uses modern machinery to carry on the work of the fields, which present a neat and attractive appearance, promising good harvests in the autumn.

On the 6th of April, 1882, Mr. Mills was united in marriage to Miss Laura A. Schildberg, whose birth occurred in Rock Island county, Illinois, on the 17th of January, 1864, her parents being Frederick H. and Emma (Glazier) Schildberg. The father is a native of Germany, while the mother was born, reared and married in Rock Island county, Illinois. On coming to this county they located in Pike township, where Mr. Schildberg followed the wagon maker's

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trade for twenty years. Subsequently he entered the service of the Rock Island Railroad Company, remaining with that corporation for a period of thirteen years. He is now living retired with one of his daughters in Muscatine, having attained the age of seventy-five years. His wife died in 1903 when fifty-four years of age. They were the parents of fourteen children, namely: Mrs. Mills; Charles A., who is a resident of Illinois; Ettie, who is deceased; Amelia and Edward, living in Muscatine; Frederick, who has also passed away; George, living in Pike township; Janette, who makes her home in Muscatine; Minnie, of Illinois; Olive, who is a resident of Pike township; Arthur and Ray, living in Muscatine; Grace, who is deceased; and Catherine, who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills are the parents of thirteen children, as follows: Ettie P., who was born January 13, 1883, and is the wife of Leroy Lukembauch, of Pike township; Louis C., whose birth occurred in 1884; Clyde C., whose natal year was 1886; Charles E., born in 1888; Ada M., whose birth occurred in 1890; Hazel F., who was born in 1892 and is the wife of Benjamin Osendorf, of Pike township; Frederick D., whose natal year was 1895; Emma V., born in 1897; Elma F., born in 1899; Lester E., whose birth occurred in 1901; Linnie A., who was born in 1903; Lloyd, whose birth occurred in 1905; and Burton A., born in 1908.

Politically Mr. Mills is a staunch advocate and supporter of the democracy. He has ably served as township assessor for eight years, was township trustee for one term and has also acted as secretary of the school board. He is a member of Nichols Lodge, No. 4195, M. W. A.; Adams Lodge, No. 352, M. B. A.; and Nichols Lodge, No. 664, I. O. O. F. In religious faith he and his family are Protestants. Upright and honorable in all of his dealings, he well merits the kindly regard which is uniformly tendered him and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

JOSEPH E. KENNEDY.

Joseph E. Kennedy, the owner of a well improved farm of three hundred and twenty-nine acres in Wapsinonoc township, is actively engaged in the work of the fields and also devotes considerable attention to horses. His birth occurred in Cedar county, Iowa, on the 26th of January, 1879, his parents being William and Ann Kennedy, who were natives of New York and Canada respectively. On coming to Iowa they first took up their abode in Muscatine county but later removed to Cedar county, where they continued to reside throughout the remainder of their lives. William Kennedy had been engaged in the furniture business in early manhood but after coming to this state devoted his attention to farming, owning a tract of eighty acres. He lived to attain the ripe old age of seventy-five years, while his wife was called to her final rest in 1881. Their children were eight in number, namely: Albert; Sarah; William H.; Nettie; Charles, who is deceased; Lizzie; Joseph E., of this review; and Florence, who has also passed away.

Joseph E. Kennedy has been actively and successfully identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his entire business career. He has prospered in his undertakings and is now the owner of three hundred and twenty-nine acres of rich and productive land in Wapsinonoc township, where he makes his home. He raises the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also makes a specialty of handling horses, both branches of his business proving profitable.

Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Barnhart, a daughter of Daniel and Della (Ellyson) Barnhart, who now reside on a farm in Cedar county, Iowa. The father is a native of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, while the mother's birth occurred in West Branch, Iowa. The latter has continuously resided in this state from her birth to the present time. Mrs. Kennedy is one of a family of three children, the others being: James Curtis, who is married and makes his home in Cedar county; and Sadie Elizabeth.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Kennedy has supported republican men and measures but his aspirations have not been in the line of office seeking. He was reared in the faith of the Methodist church. He has always lived in this part of the state and enjoys an enviable reputation as an enterprising young agriculturist and respected citizen.

CHARLES ATTENEDER.

Charles Atteneder, who is actively identified with the farming interests of Muscatine county and owns a desirable property in Montpelier township, has well earned a place in the permanent regard of the county's representative citizens. He belongs to that class of men whose labors contribute to the material advancement of the state and who may be depended upon to aid in times of emergency. The success which he has attained is the result of his own efforts, his battle with the world having developed in him those attributes which are so essential in the safe conduct of a business.

Born in the township where he now lives, September 16, 1858, he is the son of Charles Atteneder, a native of Germany, who was born March 13, 1826. The father grew to manhood in the fatherland and emigrated to the United States in 1851, being then twenty-five years of age. He came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1852 and purchased eighty acres of land in Montpelier township, where he lived for fifty years, accumulating a valuable farm of two hundred and eighty acres. The mother before her marriage was Barbara Hahn. She was also a native of Germany, born in 1826, and came to this country in 1852. There were six children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Atteneder, three of whom are now living, namely: George, a resident of Idaho; Charles, our subject; and William.

Charles Atteneder was educated in the public schools of Muscatine county, and, after arriving at manhood and having a desire to see the world, he went to Atlanta, Georgia, where he lived for sixteen years. However, he returned to the county of his birth and purchased eighty acres in Montpelier township, which he has since cultivated with a goodly measure of success. He also owns

property in Atlanta and has in his various business transactions shown a judgment that is highly creditable.

Mr. Atteneder was united in marriage to Miss Pauline Wurm, of Marion, Alabama, and one child, Lilly, has blessed this union. Ever since he arrived at voting age Mr. Atteneder has given his support to the republican party. He has not sought nor desired public office as his energies have been devoted to his private affairs, in the promotion of which he has found his time well occupied. He is a firm believer in the authority of the Bible and is a member of the Episcopal church, to which he is a liberal contributor. Having early conceived a high ideal in life, he has been controlled by laudable principles and has sought to promote the best interests of all with whom he has associated. He has clearly deserved the success that has rewarded his labors.

THOMAS AND MATILDA F. BURKE.

It would be difficult to name a more worthy couple than Thomas and Matilda F. Burke, for a number of years residents of Muscatine county and now deceased. Their memory is revered by many to whom they were known and especially by friends and neighbors who were more intimately acquainted with their sterling qualities. Mr. Burke was a native of Ireland and his wife of England, her maiden name being Matilda F. Robshaw. They came to America and were married in Muscatine county, May 5, 1864. Mr. Burke was a man of excellent habits and a laudable ambition and he and his bride began the journey of life together on a farm in Pike township. Mrs. Burke passed away December 17, 1874, only ten years after her marriage, and was laid to rest in Timber Lake cemetery, Goshen township. Mr. Burke subsequently removed to a farm of one hundred and sixty acres one mile south of the place he originally rented and cultivated it with a gratifying measure of success until his death, which occurred October 15, 1902. His remains were interred in the Catholic cemetery at West Liberty, Iowa. Owing to his honorable dealing with his fellowmen, his genial manner and a spirit of friendliness, which was one of his prominent characteristics, he was greatly respected in the community where he passed nearly forty years. He always discharged his duties to the best of his ability, never taking advantage of another to promote his own interests. He was justly regarded as one of the substantial and representative men in Pike township—one that fully deserved the confidence of all with whom he came into contact.

To Mr. and Mrs. Burke one child was born, Margaret J., whose natal day was July 14, 1865. She continued with her father until his death, with the exception of a few years, and having inherited the home place, she has lived in comfort and is also able to assist others less fortunate than herself. She rents the farm and lives with her only son in quiet retirement at the old home which is endeared to her by many associations. She received good advantages of education at St. Mathias School, Muscatine, and is recognized by her friends and acquaintances as a lady of many admirable attributes which she inherited from excellent parentage.

Mr. Burke was a sincere adherent of the democratic party but never sought political honors, preferring to devote his time to his business or his family, it being his greatest pleasure in his later years to enhance the comfort and happiness of his daughter in every way possible. Starting early in life upon his own resources, he adopted America as his country and under the beneficent influences of the republic gained financial independence and also the respect and goodwill of all with whom he came into contact.

THOMAS J. HUFFMAN.

A successful farmer of Orono township and also a popular public official, Thomas J. Huffman has by his industry, intelligent and enterprising spirit gained the confidence and respect of the entire community. He was born in Louisa county, Iowa, March 13, 1857, son of Thomas S., and Katherine (Miller) Huffman, the father being a native of New Jersey and the mother of Pennsylvania. They were married in the Keystone state and came west early in the '50s to Illinois, where they remained for several years, and then removed to Louisa county, Iowa. Mr. Huffman became one of the successful farmers of the county and was the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of well improved land. He departed this life in January, 1889, and his first wife died November 23, 1875, their remains being interred in Concord cemetery, Louisa county. There were eleven children in the family, namely: Mary, who married Johnathan Drake of Louisa county and is now deceased; George, who was last heard of in California; William, who was born October 23, 1848, and died February 25, 1862; James, of Western, Iowa; Thomas J., the subject of this review; Henry of Illinois; Charles F., of Dakota; Johnson, of Kelerton, Iowa; Amanda, the widow of Abner Ball of Louisa county; Alice N., widow of William Storey of Wapello, Iowa; and Martha E., now the wife of John Hank, living near Wapello. The father of these children was twice married, his second wife being Mrs. Weber, a native of Germany, widow of Fred Weber. She passed away in 1904.

Thomas J. Huffman received his early education in the district schools and continued at the parental home until he arrived at the age of twenty-two years. After engaging in farm work upon his own account for a short time he was married and rented land, which he cultivated to such good advantage that he was able in 1895 to purchase a farm near Conesville. He has greatly improved the place and is recognized as one of the most energetic and successful farmers in this section.

On the 28th of June, 1882, Mr. Huffman was united in marriage to Miss Cynthia Bede, who was born in Ohio, October 6, 1842, a daughter of William and Mary (Price) Bede. The father was a native of Scotland and the mother of Kentucky. They were married in Ohio and subsequently came to Van Buren county, Iowa, later removing to Louisa county, where Mr. Bede passed away in January, 1857. His wife died May 23, 1871, and was laid to rest beside her husband in Wapello cemetery. There were eight children born to Mr. and

Mrs. Bede: Mary, who died at the age of sixteen years; Richard, who gave up his life for his country at the time of the Civil war; Cynthia, now Mrs. Thomas J. Huffman; Robert, of Nebraska; Elizabeth, the wife of Israel Hill of Conesville; Minerva, who became the wife of John Price of Illinois and is now deceased; Jackson, who died at Conesville, February 7, 1910; and Nancy, who died in infancy. One child, Edna, came to bless the home of Mr. and Mrs. Huffman. She was born September 11, 1883, and received a high-school education. She is now the wife of E. C. Snyder, of Conesville.

Socially, Mr. Huffman is identified with Lodge No. 8342, M. W. A. He and his family are valued members of the Reformed church of Conesville and are active workers in its behalf. Politically, he gives his support to the democratic party and although he has never urged his claims for public office he has served most acceptably as road supervisor, member of the school board and also for seven years as member of the city council. He is now mayor of Conesville, and as he gives to his public duties the same interest and energy that he devotes to his private affairs, his administration is proving highly satisfactory to the people of the community.

J. A. BARTEMEIER.

Among the business men of Muscatine J. A. Bartemeier occupies an honored place not only on account of his success in mercantile affairs but because of personal qualities that inspire the respect of associates and acquaintances. He was born in Davenport, Iowa, February 6, 1865, and is a son of John and Elizabeth (Reers) Bartemeier, both of whom were natives of Baden, Germany. The father learned the tailor's trade and, believing that more favorable conditions existed in the American republic than prevailed in the older European countries, he came to the United States and located in St. Louis in 1848. In 1853 he removed to Davenport, Iowa, and was at the head of a merchant tailoring establishment until his death, which occurred in 1901 when he was seventy-one years old. His wife passed away in 1884 at the age of sixty-four years. Both were devout Roman Catholics. John Bartemeier, the paternal grandfather, was a farmer in Germany and died in his native land a few years after reaching manhood. His widow died at sea while coming to America. There were two sons in the family, John and Fred. The maternal grandfather was Bernard Reers, a carpenter.

Unto John and Elizabeth (Reers) Bartemeier seven children were born, six of whom grew to maturity: Mary, the wife of Valentine Dauber, of Rock Island, Illinois; Theresa, the wife of Captain John Streckfus, also of Rock Island; Gunda, now Mrs. Michael Maugan, of Davenport; Hannah, the wife of B. Winter, of Rock Island; John A.; and Elizabeth, who was the first wife of B. Winter and is now deceased.

J. A. Bartemeier was educated in the parochial schools of Davenport and took a course of one year in the Davenport Business College. After laying his books aside he went to Jackson county, Minnesota, and farmed for five years

upon a section of land owned by his father. In the meantime he was married, and, being attracted to his native state, came to Muscatine, where he associated with his father-in-law in farming for three years. Later he entered the hardware business, in which he has since continued with growing success, having gained a liberal patronage not only from the people of the city but from a wide region in this section. He is a member of the board of directors of the German-American Bank and also vice president of the Muscatine Pearl Novelty Company.

On the 30th of November, 1887, Mr. Bartemeier was married to Miss Catherine Schwab, a native of Buffalo Prairie, Illinois, and a daughter of Michael and Catherine (Fuhr) Schwab. Mr. Schwab was born in Germany and his wife in Buffalo, New York. They were early settlers of Buffalo Prairie and have lived in Muscatine county thirty-six years, removing to the city of Muscatine in March, 1910. Six children blessed their union, Mary, Lucy, Barbara, Joseph, Catherine and one who died in infancy. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bartemeier seven children were born, one of whom died in infancy. John was called away at the age of six and one-half years and Michael at the age of four and one-half years. Those living are Leo, Carl, Edgar and Blanche.

Mr. and Mrs. Bartemeier are consistent members of the Catholic church and liberal contributors toward its support. Mr. Bartemeier is identified with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Modern Woodmen of America. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party and strongly endorses its principles, believing that they are best adapted to advance the interests of the individual and the nation. He is a man of good judgment and high character—one who is not easily discouraged in a worthy undertaking and who generally finds a way to accomplish anything he sets out to do. He is energetic and progressive, a liberal giver to all worthy objects and a sterling champion of the city which he adopted as his home.

FRANCIS XAVIER SCHAEFER.

Success is the legitimate and logical outcome of close application, determination and well formulated plans. All of these have been elements in the prosperity of Francis X. Schaefer, now proprietor of a laundry and dry-cleaning and dyeing establishment at No. 215 Iowa avenue in Muscatine. This is his native city, his birth having here occurred November 16, 1873.

He bears the name of his paternal grandfather, Francis Schaefer, who became one of the early residents of Muscatine, where he conducted a brewery for several years. He died at the age of sixty-six years. Unto him and his wife, Anna Schaefer, there were born three children, John, George and Anna. George A. Schaefer was a native of Germany and was a lad of eleven years when brought to the United States by his parents, who crossed the broad Atlantic that they might enjoy the better business opportunities offered in the new world. The family did not tarry long on the Atlantic coast but made their way at once into the interior of the country, settling in Muscatine when this was

but a small town of comparatively little industrial or commercial importance. Later George A. Schaefer engaged in business here as a brick manufacturer and grocer, conducting industrial and commercial interests with success for a number of years. He wedded Anna Doerfler, who was also born in Germany, in which country her parents died. She was one of a family of seven children, namely: Mrs. Peter Hirschman; Kate, the wife of George Hunt; Mrs. John Heibner; Mrs. Christ Will; Anna, who became the wife of Mr. Schaefer; John; and one who was killed in the Civil war.

The marriage of George A. Schaefer and Anna Doerfler was celebrated in Muscatine, and here they maintained their residence until called to their final rest. Both were consistent members of the Catholic church. The mother died in 1890 at the age of forty years, but the father survived for about sixteen years and passed away on the 3d of January, 1906, at the age of sixty-five years. Their family numbered fifteen children, of whom eight are now living: George, Jr., of Chicago; Anna, the wife of A. J. Fuller, of Muscatine; Francis X., of this review; Mary, the wife of O. O. Hager, of Lincoln, Nebraska; Kate, who married A. F. Millis, of Waukesha, Wisconsin; Dr. Joseph Schaefer, of Chicago; Edward, also of that city; and Charles, of Muscatine.

No event of special importance colored the life of Francis X. Schaefer. His early days were spent in Muscatine and his education was acquired in the parochial school. After putting aside his text-books he began clerking in a clothing store and in 1893 he turned his attention to the hat business in partnership with H. K. Rutherford. In the same year he embarked in the laundry business in connection with Miss Lydia Parker and Mrs. L. M. Maxon. This relation was maintained for two years, when Mr. Schaefer disposed of his interest in both the laundry and the hat store. Subsequently he purchased the New Process laundry on East Second street and afterward bought his present building at No. 214 Iowa avenue. To that location he removed his laundry and has since successfully conducted it. He is carrying on an extensive business for the excellence of the work there done brings him a liberal patronage. In 1903 he purchased the Kemble Hotel, which he conducted for a year, after which he bought the Commercial Hotel of which he was proprietor for four years and ten months. In 1904 he began a carpet cleaning and rug making business in which he still continues, and in 1908 he added a dry-cleaning and dyeing department. These various interests still claim his attention, and he is now conducting a business of extensive and profitable proportions. In addition to his other interests he is a stockholder in the Muscatine State Bank.

On the 25th of December, 1902, Mr. Schaefer married Miss Clara Apel, a daughter of John Apel. Mrs. Schaefer died February 24, 1904, leaving a son, Clarence. On the 1st of September, 1906, Mr. Schaefer wedded Miss Clara Hess, a native of Muscatine and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hess, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Muscatine. Her father is now deceased, but her mother still survives. Their family numbers three sons and four daughters, Harry, Frank, Benjamin, Clara, Nellie, Sadie and Helen. There has been one son born of Mr. Schaefer's second marriage, Harold X.

The parents are members of St. Mathias Catholic church, and fraternally Mr. Schaefer is connected with the Knights of Columbus, the Benevolent and

Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of the Maccabees, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Modern Woodmen. Politically he is a republican, staunchly advocating the principles of the party. He lives at No. 215 Iowa avenue and in addition owns three fine business blocks on the same street, his property being the visible evidence of his life of well directed energy and thrift. Gradually he has worked his way upward and in the field where he labors is meeting with substantial and well merited success.

ISAAC W. LEWIS.

The owner of a farm of four hundred and sixty acres of good land in Iowa, it is safe to prophesy that Isaac W. Lewis will be able to keep the wolf from the door for some years to come. This valuable property he has acquired through his own energy and sound business judgment and at the same time he has attained a position as one of the highly respected citizens of Muscatine and Cedar counties.

He was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, May 5, 1834, a son of William and Elizabeth (Rossiter) Lewis. The father, who was also a native of that county, removed to Columbiana county, Ohio, and cultivated a farm nine miles from Salem until 1846, when he joined the great movement in the course of which many states west of the Mississippi river received a fresh influx of settlers. He traveled with his family by wagon, and the Mississippi river being so high at Muscatine, he crossed at Burlington on a steam ferry. He located at Pedee, Cedar county, where he continued until his death, which occurred in 1880. The mother of our subject was also a native of the Keystone state, where she married Mr. Lewis. She passed away in 1887. There were six children in their family, of whom John S., Joseph P., Lydia and Cynthia are deceased. The only member of the family now living besides the subject of this review is William Clarke, who is engaged in farming near Higginsville, Missouri.

Isaac W. Lewis came with his parents to Iowa at the age of twelve years, the long trip over the rough roads of that day and the strange scenes through which he passed making an impression upon his mind that has never been obliterated. He received his education in the common schools of Ohio and Iowa, showing by his application to his studies an ability to concentrate his attention which has greatly assisted him in his business affairs. He remained with his parents until twenty-two years of age and for some years followed threshing and breaking prairie, and later engaged quite extensively in stock buying. In 1886 he removed to Tipton and for four years was identified with the real-estate business. In 1890 he took up his abode in West Liberty, where he has since lived. Being a man of industry and good judgment, he has steadily prospered and now owns four hundred and sixty acres of valuable land in Iowa township, Cedar county, and a fine residence in West Liberty. He is engaged on a large scale in cattle raising and feeding, and as he thoroughly understands marketing, he usually obtains a satisfactory price for his stock.



MR. AND MRS. ISAAC W. LEWIS

On the 12th of June, 1856, Mr. Lewis was united in marriage to Miss Jane Elizabeth Pierce, a native of Maryland and a daughter of Isaiah and Charlotte (Smith) Pierce, farming people of Maryland, who came to Cedar county, Iowa, in 1855. Her father followed farming there until his death. Mrs. Pierce passed away in Muscatine county and both are buried in Pedee cemetery, Cedar county, Iowa. Five children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis: Henry F., who is the owner of a valuable farm in Cedar county; Joseph Earl, a prominent real-estate man of Kentfield, Marin county, California; Ernest, deceased; Inez, the wife of Dr. L. F. Woodruff of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and Lottie, now Mrs. Isaac Filson, also of Cedar Rapids, Ruby I., a daughter of Henry F. Lewis, is a young lady of unusual educational qualifications, and on November 8, 1910, was elected superintendent of schools in Cedar county. She is a democrat but is so popular in the county that she easily overcame a republican majority of three hundred and is now serving in an office for which she is eminently qualified.

Politically Mr. Lewis is a stanch advocate of the democratic party. He takes great interest in religious affairs and for many years has been a member of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian church, being also a liberal contributor to the support of that denomination. His business integrity has never been called into question and as a citizen, no man in Muscatine county ranks higher than Isaac W. Lewis.

FREDERICK H. SCHMITT.

Frederick H. Schmitt is one of the substantial and trustworthy citizens of Nichols, Muscatine county. He is engaged in the agricultural implement and blacksmith business, to which he is devoting his energies with very satisfactory results. He is a native of Nichols, born in 1875, and is a son of Adam and Margaret (Hartman) Schmitt. The father was born in Germany and the mother in Illinois, the former coming to America in his boyhood. He arrived at his maturity in Illinois and was there married and engaged in farming for several years. Coming to Iowa, he purchased eighty acres of land in Pike township, Muscatine county, which he subsequently sold, removing to Nichols, where he purchased property and engaged in farming in that locality. In his later years he lived retired at Nichols. The mother of our subject departed this life April 7, 1906. Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt, of whom Louise, Peter, Peter (II) and a child unnamed died in infancy. The other members of the household were: Henry, who was born May 27, 1871, and died April 5, 1874; Frederick H., our subject; William R., who was born March 15, 1878, and is now in business with his brother Frederick H.; Margaret, who was born May 23, 1881, and is the wife of Bert Fry, of Louisa county, Iowa; and Louis M., who was born May 17, 1884, and is living at Nichols.

Frederick H. Schmitt received his education in the public schools and continued at home until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he was married and began working out on a farm. Being attracted to mercantile life, he accepted a position

as clerk in a store, remaining in this connection for fifteen years, and then becoming identified with the agricultural implement business and blacksmithing as a member of the firm of Kern & Schmitt. After six months he and his brother purchased Mr. Kern's interest and have since conducted the business under the title of Schmitt Brothers. By good management the patronage has steadily grown until the business yields a substantial income, the concern being one of the most reliable of the kind in that part of the county.

On the 19th of June, 1901, Mr. Schmitt was united in marriage to Miss Anna L. Walker, a native of Illinois. The father was born in Switzerland and the mother in America. They settled in Muscatine county and here Mr. Walker was identified with farming interests until his death. The mother is still living on the old homestead. There were seven children in their family, four of whom are now living: William J., of Coeso, Iowa; Albert J., of Muscatine county; Anna L., now Mrs. Schmitt; and Emma, at home. Four children have blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt: Margaret E., born April 28, 1902; Herbert L., June 13, 1904; Beatrice E., April 14, 1906; and Robert W., November 20, 1908.

Mrs. Schmitt received a good education and taught school for several years previous to her marriage. She is a woman of many excellent qualities and has proved to her husband a true companion and loving helpmate. Mr. Schmitt and his family affiliate with the Christian church and are active workers in behalf not only of the church but of all worthy objects. Politically he is in sympathy with the democratic party and that he holds the confidence of his friends and neighbors is attested by the fact of his having served as alderman, assessor and also for five years as member of the school board. Fraternally he is connected with Stainless Lodge, No. 445, A. F. & A. M., and Liberty Chapter, R. A. M., both of Nichols, being now treasurer of the former organization. He is secretary of Lodge No. 664, I. O. O. F., of Nichols, and in the discharge of his various duties has displayed a fidelity which meets the unanimous approval of his brethren.

WILLIAM LE ROY ROACH.

Among the successful manufacturers of Muscatine who have won an honorable position on account of the success of enterprises to which they have devoted their best energies is William Le Roy Roach, president and general manager of the Roach & Musser Sash & Door Company. He was born in Muscatine, October 10, 1862, and is a son of William Martin and Sarah Mary (Davidson) Roach, the former of whom was born in Canada and the latter in Ohio. The father was by trade a tanner and currier. He came to Muscatine in 1862 and engaged in the boot and shoe and wholesale leather business with Andrew Davidson, his father-in-law. Later he became connected with the hide and fur business and so continued until his death, which occurred in 1898 when he was seventy-seven years of age. His wife still survives him at the age of seventy-five years. She is a member of the Methodist church, as was her hus-

band. Mr. Roach was an industrious man of high character and worthily performed his part in forwarding the best interests of the community and in adding to the comfort and happiness of those with whom he was associated. The paternal grandfather of our subject was a Canadian of Irish descent. His wife was of French parentage. The maternal grandfather was Andrew Davidson, who was twice married, his first wife, the grandmother of our subject, being Elizabeth Meek. To William Martin and Sarah Mary Roach seven children were born: Elizabeth D., the widow of Henry Schafnit, of Muscatine; William Le Roy, our subject; Lillian M., of Muscatine; Ada, now Mrs. Robert Emmett King, of Kansas City, Missouri; Ellen V., the wife of A. L. Porter, of Spokane, Washington; Grace E.; and one who died in infancy.

William L. Roach received his education in the public and high schools of this city, making himself useful by such jobs as he could find on Saturdays and vacations. He thus acquired habits of industry which have been of inestimable value to him through life. At eighteen years of age he began his business career as bookkeeper and clerk in Davidson & Roach's boot and shoe store, continuing for two and one-half years. He then became bookkeeper for M. S. Richey and continued with him for two years, until June, 1881, when he went to What Cheer, Keokuk county, Iowa, as bookkeeper and clerk for the Muscatine Coal Company. In January, 1883, he accepted a position with the Huttig Sash & Door Company at Kansas City and two years later established the Roach & Wilker Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of sash, doors and mill work in the same city, soon afterward becoming active in the Western Sash & Door Company. Shortly after going to Kansas City he became interested in the Huttig Sash & Door Company of St. Louis and was made its vice president. However, in June, 1888, he disposed of his interest in the Western Sash & Door Company and the Huttig Sash & Door Company and organized the Roach & Riner Manufacturing Company of Kansas City. In June, 1889, he came to Muscatine and organized the Muscatine Sash & Door Company, of which he has ever since continued the head. He has also retained his connection with the business in Kansas City and ships finished products from both plants to the principal cities in the United States. The volume of business now controlled by the establishments over which he presides is about sixteen times what it was originally, the plants giving employment to about five hundred and fifty persons. In the management of these large enterprises Mr. Roach has shown a judgment that places him among the leading manufacturers of the west. He has built up a large and lucrative business by strictly honorable methods and is in competition with many of the keenest manufacturers of the country. As a large employer, he has been eminently successful, reflecting credit upon his native city and reaping the rewards which are the result of wisely applied energy. In addition to the enterprises named above Mr. Roach is interested in various other manufacturing concerns and also has made large investments in timber lands.

On the 21st of February, 1887, Mr. Roach was united in marriage to Miss Margaret E. McCarthy, of Kansas City, a daughter of Michael McCarthy. Four children have blessed this union, John William, James, Edward Andrew and Robert Leonard, but James died at the age of seven months.

Mr. Roach is a self-made man. At an early age he started out in life on his own account and carved his own way to fortune. His first earnings of six hundred dollars he gave to his father. He then started again to accumulate until he had one thousand dollars, with which he purchased stock in the Huttig Sash & Door Company—his first business venture. During his career he has met with no serious reverses but by his clear foresight and unusual business ability he came to the front and gained recognition, which he has held for years, as one of the leaders in a field that has attracted many of the brightest minds of the country.

THOMAS BIRKETT.

In noting the men of prominence in Muscatine county who were instrumental in bringing it to its present position, the gentleman whose name stands at the head of this sketch could not properly be omitted. At the age of eighty-two years he is living retired, having turned over the responsibilities of business to younger shoulders and he now enjoys the repose to which he is entitled by many years of unremitting effort, in the course of which he attained a standing as one of the leading citizens of the county. He is a native of England, born May 15, 1829, and is a son of Robert and Mary (Sailor) Birkett, who passed their entire lives in the country of their birth. There were eight children in their family, the subject of this review being the only one now living.

Thomas Birkett remained under the parental roof until sixteen years of age and then began his battle with the world by clerking in a dry-goods store. At twenty-one years of age he decided to try his fortune across the ocean and in 1850 he landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he obtained a position as clerk in a store, which he held for one year. In 1852, being attracted by the possibilities of the gold fields, he started for the Pacific coast, going by way of the isthmus of Panama, and after arriving in California spent three years prospecting and mining, his efforts meeting with varying results. Returning to the east, he was married and after visiting England with his bride again crossed the ocean. Having decided to devote his attention to farming, he came to Muscatine county and purchased a farm four miles south of West Liberty. Here he erected a small farm house and prairie stables, the latter of which he covered with grass. He set to work diligently to cultivate the soil and he did so to such good advantage that he became the owner of eight hundred acres of productive land, all of which he has sold except eighty acres. He was identified with other interests besides those of agriculture and for a number of years served as president of the Peoples State Bank of West Liberty but retired from this position in 1906. He has made his home in West Liberty since 1895 and, being a man of good judgment and accommodating disposition, his advice is much sought by younger persons who are desirous of being guided aright in important affairs in which they are embarking.

In 1855 Mr. Birkett was united in marriage in Newark, New Jersey, to Miss Lucy Hargraves, a daughter of John and Maria Hargraves. By this union two

children were born: Lucy, now Mrs. J. I. Nichols, whose husband is a farmer of Muscatine county; and Charles E., deceased. Mrs. Birkett having passed away March 29, 1859, Mr. Birkett was married in 1861 to Miss Susanna Hargraves, also of New Jersey, and they have become the parents of seven children, namely: Lilla B., now the wife of Ed. Fitzgerald, of West Liberty; Edith M., the wife of Charles Mosher, also of West Liberty; Bertha L., now the wife of Walter G. Mosher, of West Liberty; Leslie R., deceased; Vincent H., who is living on the old homestead; Lindley L., a farmer of Muscatine county; and Fred P., of Kansas. The mother of these children departed this life March 4, 1896.

Mr. Birkett for several years past has spent his winters in California, returning each spring to familiar scenes in Muscatine county. He is a member of the Methodist church and politically is identified with the republican party, serving on the board of supervisors for ten years and also for many years as treasurer and director of the school board. He has never sought public office, preferring the quiet, unassuming responsibilities of private citizenship. Each day he has endeavored to perform his duty and at all times he has stood ready to assist by word or otherwise those less fortunate than himself. In the evening of his life he is accorded the honor due to one who has been actuated by principles of fidelity and integrity.

GEORGE REEDER.

George Reeder, auditor and treasurer of the Muscatine North & South Railway Company, who makes his home in Muscatine, comes of a distinguished family and is related to many men and women whose names occupy an honored place in the history of America. He was born in Muscatine, April 20, 1862, and is a son of Dr. George and Almira Louise (Olds) Reeder, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Ohio. The father was a graduate of William and Mary College, Virginia, and also of the medical department of the University of Maryland. He was one of the pioneers of Muscatine, arriving here in 1839. He engaged in the practice of his profession with unusual success, becoming known as one of the leading physicians in Muscatine county. Though a southerner by birth he held the integrity of the Union paramount to all other considerations. Accordingly, although not in good health, he accepted an appointment as surgeon of the Second Cavalry of Iowa, entering the service in October, 1861. He accompanied his regiment to the field, but the hardships of campaigning proved too severe for his strength and he was compelled to resign on the 2d of June, 1862. He reached home almost exhausted and departed this life on the 20th of June, ten days after his return. He died at forty-two years of age, his birth having occurred August 3, 1820. He was regarded by those who knew him best as one of nature's noblemen. He was a fine scholar and as a physician had few equals in this part of the state. As to character, no man stood higher. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reeder: Nellie O., who became the wife of George B. Glessner, of Springfield, Ohio, and is now

deceased; Esther, who married Dr. F. H. Little, of Muscatine, and is also deceased; William H., who became an admiral of the United States navy and was retired with the rank of rear admiral, June 30, 1907; and George, our subject. The mother was married again, her second husband being F. L. Dayton. Of this union one son, John H., was born. He is now a member of the United States navy and ranks as lieutenant commander. The mother was called away in August, 1901, at the age of sixty-nine years. She was a member of the Episcopal church as was also Dr. Reeder.

The maternal grandfather of our subject was Dr. Benjamin S. Olds. He was a native of Bennington, Vermont, and migrated to Ohio, where he was married in 1830 to Theresa Herron. They lived at South Bloomfield and Circleville, Ohio, for nine years and came to Muscatine in 1839. He died in California at an advanced age and his wife passed away in Muscatine, March 1, 1894. They were the parents of three children: Almira Louise, Benjamin S., and one who died in infancy. He was a member of a remarkable family of twelve brothers who were reared at Bennington and who settled in various parts of the west. Dr. Edson B. Olds located in Ohio and became famous as a congressman from that state. Chauncey Olds was elected lieutenant governor; Chester Olds became a prominent merchant; Gamalial Olds was a well known pioneer of Muscatine county; and William R. Olds was also a prominent resident of this county.

The subject of this review was reared in Muscatine under the favoring influences of a happy home and educated in the public schools. He began his business career in the office of the Rock Island Railway Company as accountant. In 1899 he entered the employ of the Muscatine North & South Railway Company and one year later was made auditor and treasurer of the company, which offices he still holds.

On the 29th of December, 1886, Mr. Reeder was united in marriage to Miss Laura M. Phillips, a daughter of John J. and Mary E. (Murlin) Phillips. Mrs. Reeder was born in Mendon, Mercer county, Ohio, December 3, 1865. Her father was a native of Glamorganshire, South Wales, and the mother of Mendon, Ohio. Mr. Phillips was a soldier of the Civil war, serving as sergeant in Company D, Seventy-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and continuing in the army for four years. He lived in Muscatine for a number of years and also in Oskaloosa, Iowa, where he practiced law and served as mayor of the city. He was a man of marked ability and many noble characteristics. He passed away in March, 1895, at Ashland, Kentucky, at the age of fifty-three years, and was buried at Mendon, Ohio. His wife died at Columbus, Ohio, August 29, 1908, at the age of sixty-three years. There were seven children in their family, Laura, John D., Josephine, Mahala, Cora, Harriet and Esther. John Phillips, the paternal grandfather of Mrs. Reeder, was a native of Wales. He came to America when he was about twelve years of age and after reaching manhood married Margaret Davis. The maternal grandfather was Daniel Murlin, who was a native of New York state and a pioneer of Mercer county, Ohio. He was twice married and the father of ten children, one of his wives being Laura Davis.

Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Reeder, Mary Louise, Frederick and George. The parents are both members of the Episcopal church and

active assistants in all undertakings of the community aiming to promote the public welfare. Mr. Reeder gives his allegiance to the republican party but has never sought political office, as he is essentially a business man and in the field of finance has abundant opportunity for the exercise of his abilities. He possesses the esteem and good-will of all with whom he comes in contact.

ADELBERT HICKMAN McCLUN.

The history of West Liberty with the name of A. H. McClun omitted would be very similar to the play of Hamlet with Hamlet eliminated. For forty-two years he has been one of its most forceful citizens. No other man has given more of his time and talent toward the upbuilding of every material interest of town and community than this modest, unassuming man.

Adelbert Hickman McClun was born at New Baltimore, Ohio, May 26, 1847, the third son and youngest child of Isaac Perkins and Hannah (Hickman) McClun. The former was born December 13, 1810, and the latter November 6, 1808, both being natives of Columbiana county, Ohio. The father was a teacher in early manhood, later becoming a merchant. He moved to New Baltimore, Ohio, in 1834 and to Marlboro in the same state in 1860. He was a man of high standing in the community, serving for nine years as justice of the peace and for the same length of time as postmaster at New Baltimore, holding the office of township treasurer at the time of his death, which took place November 25, 1874. The beloved wife and mother was called away November 4, 1872. Five children composed the family: William W., who was associated with the subject of this sketch until 1899, passing away September 15, 1909; Joseph, who died in infancy; Rachel, who died at Marlboro, Ohio, in 1875; Lydia H., who resides in West Liberty, and Adelbert H.

A complete genealogical record has been compiled, covering a period of more than two hundred years. Thomas McClun, the founder of the family, was born in County Down, Ireland, about 1690. His wife was a native of the same county. They were members of the Society of Friends and emigrated to America in 1729, first settling in Pennsylvania and later in Loudoun county, Virginia, and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch emigrated from that section, to Columbiana county, Ohio, in 1804, being one of the pioneer settlers. It was in the same year that the ancestors upon the mother's side, the Hickmans and Mercers, also emigrated from Chester county, Pennsylvania, to this same locality.

Adelbert H. McClun received a common-school education in Ohio. In 1869, at the age of twenty-two, desiring to establish a business and home of his own, he made a prospecting tour of the west in quest of a location, in the course of which he called upon his friend, J. W. Gaskill, then in the clothing business in West Liberty, Iowa. Mr. Gaskill pointed out the natural advantages of the little town and its splendid citizenship. All this so impressed Mr. McClun that he formed a partnership with his friend, under the firm name of Gaskill, McClun & Company. The building occupied by the firm then stood on the lot where the Peoples State Bank building now stands. It will be something of a

coincidence if the fates decree that Mr. McClun shall eventually end his long and honorable business career on the spot where it began.

On September 12, 1872, Mr. McClun was united in marriage to Miss Ella Meyers, a schoolmate in the Buckeye state, whom he had known from childhood. Comrades in youth, they remain comrades still, though the irrepressible hand of time has silvered the heads of both. Mrs. McClun was born December 17, 1849, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Aaron and Mary Meyers, both of whom are now deceased. One son came to bless their union, Edward Adelbert, born January 24, 1875, now in the employ of a mercantile house in Chicago.

In 1875 Mr. Gaskill's interest in the clothing business was purchased by the late W. W. McClun, elder brother of the subject of this sketch, the firm name changing to McClun Brothers, and so remaining for the next twenty-four years, when in 1899 the business was disposed of by mutual consent. For twenty-seven years Mr. McClun was connected with the clothing business in one location, at the northwest corner of Third and Calhoun streets. At the time of the dissolution of the partnership he was the oldest business man in West Liberty, in point of continuous service. In those thirty years he gave to his business the closest application, rarely taking a day off. By reason of his brother's ill health and other interests, he was the active partner in charge, personally looking after the buying and a large part of the selling, the bookkeeping and all the details of an extensive and prosperous business.

While deeply engrossed in his private affairs, he gave to the community invaluable service in minor but none the less important places, invariably conscripted into the public service by those who appreciated his worth. An ardent supporter of the cause of education, he was a member of the school board for several years. He has been identified with the Commercial Club since its inception and for two years was its chairman. From 1891 to 1893 he was a member of the city council, being elevated to the office of mayor in 1894, again in 1895 and again in 1897. The following year he went back to the council, concluding his service three years later. During his first term on the council he urged the lighting of the streets and offered the resolution which ultimately provided the first street lighting system of gasoline street lamps for the town. During his last term as mayor the splendid water-works and lighting system, owned and operated by the municipality, were constructed, of which he had almost entire supervision, being chairman of the building committee. Largely through his personal efforts, West Liberty was among the first of the small towns of the state to adopt the electric lighting system. With but meager knowledge of the power and possibilities of the electric current, his enthusiasm increased with research until he became almost an expert. When the Carnegie Free Public Library was broached, Mr. McClun immediately became an enthusiast. He was made chairman of the building committee, and, to properly prepare for the duties of his position, visited many libraries throughout the state. The splendid structure at the corner of Fourth and Spencer is an enduring monument to his fidelity in everything of a public character.

He had much to do with the improvement of Oakridge cemetery and the adoption of the lawn plan. Largely through his efforts a reservation was made

in West Oakridge for the Grand Army of the Republic, a place upon which to hold memorial day exercises, and the erection of the beautiful soldier's monument thereon, which as a committeeman he assisted in purchasing and at the dedication of which he had the honor to preside. He was also one of the prime movers in building the concrete sidewalk to the cemetery.

In 1896 Mr. McClun became connected with the Peoples State Bank. From 1897 to 1902 he served as its vice president. In the latter year, having enjoyed three years of rest, largely under his own vine and fig tree, he was called to the presidency of the bank. This position he has held to this time (1911), when by reason of advancing years he voluntarily shifted to younger shoulders the burdens incidental to the presidency. He does not relinquish his connection with the bank, however, retaining the title of vice president and remaining near at hand as counselor to his associates and a friend and adviser to all who may apply.

Such is a brief outline of a quiet, unobtrusive man who has made an indelible impress upon the community. It would require an entire volume to set forth the countless things he has done to make brighter and better the environment of his fellowmen. As a merchant, he was the soul of honor; as a public official, his integrity stands unchallenged in a single instance; as the head of the leading financial institution of the community for forty-three years, he has conservatively husbanded the savings of the widow and orphan, though generous and helpful to the meritorious borrower; as a man and a citizen his example and influence have invariably been cast on the side of truth and right. Legions of acquaintances hope the remaining number of his days may be many, that he may remain unto them in the future as in the past, a veritable guide, philosopher and friend.

MILTON J. SHELLABARGER.

Milton J. Shellabarger was born on the farm where he now lives in Seventy-six township, Muscatine county, January 25, 1859. He is a son of John M. and Ruth P. (Collins) Shellabarger, the father a native of Ohio and the mother of New Jersey. John M. Shellabarger came to Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1846, and after looking over the country returned in January, 1847 to Cleveland, Ohio, walking the entire way. In 1852 he again set his face westward, continuing his journey until he reached Muscatine county once more and established his home, building a log cabin and making other improvements upon land which he secured in the wilderness. He became one of the well known farmers of Seventy-six township and continued upon the place where he first settled until he was called to his reward. His widow is now living in Guthrie county, Iowa, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. There were nine children in their family, six of whom are living in Iowa and other states.

The subject of this review received his education in the common schools and grew to manhood on the home farm, showing an interest and a capacity for agricultural pursuits even in his boyhood, which gave bright promise for his

future. After reaching manhood he rented the home farm, which he has owned since 1898. He has improved the place in many ways and brought it to a high state of cultivation, so that it is now one of the desirable properties of the township. He makes a specialty of raising and feeding stock.

In 1894 Mr. Shellabarger was united in marriage to Miss Cora Rice, who was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, in 1872, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Rist) Rice, both of whom are natives of the Keystone state. The parents removed to Hancock county, Illinois, in 1872, ten years later going to Danville, Iowa, where they have ever since made their home. There were five children in their family, four of whom are now living. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Shellabarger has been blessed by the birth of seven children: John R., Ruthetta, Ralph W., Lile C., Maud E., Frank M., and Viola M.

Mr. Shellabarger has from the time of reaching his majority been a supporter of the republican party, and has taken an active interest in its success. He served for four years with general acceptance as member of the board of supervisors of the county and also has filled the offices of township trustee and school director. As a public official he exercised judgment that met the hearty approval of taxpayers. He and his wife are active members of the United Brethren church and believers in the inspiration and authority of the Old and New Testaments. As a native of Muscatine county Mr. Shellabarger has witnessed many changes throughout this part of the state and has assisted as opportunity presented in the march of progress as seen in beautiful homes and prosperous communities. He is widely known in this county where he has a host of friends.

F. E. RYNEARSON.

F. E. Rynearson, of Wilton township, can trace his ancestry on the paternal side to Norway, the great-grandfather coming to America at an early day. He also has fighting blood in his veins as he had four uncles who assisted valiantly in upholding the Union flag in the Civil war. He is a native of Morgan county, Indiana, born May 14, 1860, and is a son of De Witt Clinton and Rachel (Wigham) Rynearson. The father was born in Darke county, Ohio, and lived for a time in Indiana and Michigan, coming to Iowa in 1875. After spending five years in this state he went to Kansas for his health but was too late and died very soon after arriving there. He was a carpenter by trade but during the later years of his life devoted his attention to farming. The mother of our subject was a native of Morgan county, Indiana, and died in Muscatine county, Iowa, in 1877. There were nine children in the family, three of whom are now living: F. E., our subject; Theodore, now a farmer of Keokuk county, Iowa; and Arminta, the wife of Grant Shepherd, of Columbus, Ohio.

Educated in the common schools of Indiana and Bloomington township, Muscatine county, F. E. Rynearson continued at home until after the death of his parents and then began providing for himself by working on a farm and later by running a steam engine. After several years he resumed farming and

purchased land near Wilton, which he later sold, living in Pike county, Missouri, for one season. He then purchased a farm in Bloomington township, Muscatine county, which he sold in the spring of 1910, and acquired forty acres of well improved land upon which he now lives. He makes a specialty of raising Jersey cows, and having a practical knowledge of his business, has attained a goodly measure of success.

In 1885 Mr. Rynearson was married to Miss Lavina Lemney of Muscatine county, and unto them two children have been born: Willis De Witt, who was born February 14, 1888, and is now a student in the high school at Wilton; and Jennie, at home. Being a man of strong determination, Mr. Rynearson generally succeeds in what he undertakes. He has gained a substantial standing in the community which he selected as his permanent home and politically is affiliated with the republican party, to whose principles he gives his earnest support. He and his family are faithful members of the Latter Day Saints.

FRANCIS A. J. GRAY.

The great-grandfather of our subject, as a young married man, fresh from the north of Ireland, settled in western Pennsylvania, in what was then Washington county and now Greene county, near where the village of Graysville now stands, in 1770. He blazed a farm in the wilderness and built thereon a block house. Shortly thereafter Indian troubles arose and he was driven from the land to Fort Jackson, located where Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, now stands, and was kept within this fort for seven years during the Revolutionary war. In this fort, David Gray, Jr., our subject's grandfather, was born in 1781. After the Revolution, and when the Indians had ceased to trouble them, they moved back on the land where F. W. Gray, father of Francis A. J. Gray, was born in 1804, grew to manhood, married, and, in his turn, cultivated the farm located in 1770. On this same farm, in 1831, our subject, Francis A. J. Gray, was born. He was reared to early manhood in this rugged, undeveloped country, with very limited schooling and abundant privileges to work.

When gold was discovered in California, he joined the rush for the precious metal, leaving his country home in February, 1850, with about twenty of his neighbors and relatives, going down the Ohio, up the Missouri, and outfitting for the trans-continental journey at Independence, Missouri. In May, 1850, they broke camp at Independence, and, after a long, hard journey, which resulted in death to several members of the party, foot-sore and weary, they landed at Hangtown, California, August 20, 1850. About two years were spent by Mr. Gray in California, seeking the yellow metal, which was not found in great abundance. He then returned to his Pennsylvania home, going down the Pacific, crossing the isthmus and back to New York.

On May 31, 1854, at Wellsburg, West Virginia, he was united in marriage with Adalene Palmer and they at once began housekeeping on the old farm in Pennsylvania. At the breaking out of the Rebellion, Mr. Gray heard the country's call for help and assisted in raising a company, and, in October, 1861, as second

lieutenant of Company C, Eighteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, went to the front. This company saw its principal service in defense of Washington in the Shenandoah valley. Moseby's raids were among the principal features.

Owing to ill health, Mr. Gray resigned and returned to his Pennsylvania home in October, 1863. In January, 1864, he moved with his family to Muscatine county and settled on a farm in Wilton township, where he spent the remainder of his life and which is still occupied by his sons. The winter of 1864 saw the heaviest snow fall we think in the history of the country and when Mr. Gray arrived at Muscatine he found the highways so blocked with snow that it was three weeks before he could secure teamsters who would undertake to carry him to his farm in Wilton township, and when they did undertake the trip no more than a third of the way could they travel the highways but were compelled to go through the fields. Mr. Gray's labors as a farmer proved quite successful in Iowa. Starting in 1864 with eighty acres of land, unpaid for, at the time of his death, in 1905, he left a well improved farm of eight hundred and twenty acres, unincumbered.

Politically, Francis A. J. Gray was a Jeffersonian democrat, always affiliating with the Democratic party, and advocating what to him seemed best for the great mass of the people. He took an active part in the early life of the Patrons of Husbandry, otherwise called Grangers, among the results of whose labors was the reduction of railway fare from five cents to three cents per mile and the establishment of the railway commission. He was always opposed to all forms of sumptuary legislation and did all he could in opposition to the enactment of the prohibitory law. Mr. Gray served his county as representative in the seventeenth and eighteenth general assemblies, being elected as a Democrat while the county was republican by several hundred.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray reared a family of seven children: Thomas P., now of Keokuk, Iowa; Lucy G. Klepper, of Sweetland township, Iowa; Frank W., David W., Lindsey T., John G. and Sadie T. McClean, all of Winton township. Francis A. J. Gray died March 3, 1905, and his widow died December 28, 1908. They are both buried in Oakdale cemetery, Wilton, Iowa.

WILLIAM M. ROACH.

William M. Roach, for thirty-five years a prominent business man of Muscatine and now deceased, left in the hearts of those who knew him memories of many beautiful acts which they shall never forget. Modest, gentle and kind, he was the possessor of a noble character and throughout his life was actuated by high motives and worthy ambitions. He was born at Brookville, Canada, on the St. Lawrence river, January 1, 1821, and when quite young was left an orphan, his parents dying from cholera. This was a severe blow but he had a brave heart and never yielded to discouragement. He grew to manhood in Canada and there received his education. After arriving at maturity he came to the conclusion that the United States presented advantages for a young man seeking his fortune not to be found elsewhere in the world. Accordingly he

took up his residence for a time in Cincinnati, Ohio, later moving to Portsmouth, that state, where he was married in 1859, being then thirty-eight years of age. He came west to Muscatine in 1862 and here he and his father-in-law were identified with the boot and shoe business for nineteen years. As a side issue they also dealt in tallow, hides and furs. After Mr. Roach and his father-in-law dissolved partnership the former continued very successfully in the hide, tallow and fur business. He passed away July 13, 1898, at the age of seventy-seven years and six months. He was in almost perfect health all his life until a few days before his death. The universal expression of regret in the city upon the announcement of his death gave evidence of the great esteem in which he was held by all who knew him.

On the 25th of August, 1859, at Portsmouth, Ohio, Mr. Roach was united in marriage to Miss Sarah M. Davidson, a daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Meek) Davidson, the former of whom was born in Ohio and the latter in Virginia. The mother died in Ohio in 1840 and the father came to Muscatine in 1862 and spent the remainder of his life in this city, dying in April, 1908, at the venerable age of ninety-five years and six months. He was one of the early shoe merchants of the city and later ran a ferry boat on the Mississippi river. He was three times married, his first union being with Elizabeth Meek, who was the mother of four children, Sarah M., John Meek, Greenburg Ridgely and Leroy P. Mrs. Roach was born in Winchester, Adams county, Ohio, November 13, 1835. By her marriage she became the mother of seven children, two sons and five daughters. Elizabeth is the widow of Henry Schafnit, and is living with her brother, William L. William L. is a member of the firm of Roach, Musser & Company, sash and door works, of Muscatine. He married Miss Margaret Elizabeth McCarthy, who died in February, 1909, leaving three sons, John William, Edward Andrew and Robert. Lillian lives at home. Ada married Robert King, of Kansas City, where they now live. Ellen D. became the wife of A. L. Porter and they live in Spokane, Washington. Grace is living at home. One son, Arthur, died in infancy.

Mr. Roach was a member of the Methodist church, as is also Mrs. Roach, who is now living in Muscatine. He was devoted to his family and was never happier than when at his home surrounded by those he most loved. He was a patriotic citizen and in business exercised a rare ability which leads to success in all laudable undertakings. He was greatly esteemed by his friends and business associates, as he was at all times sincere and true, and his word once spoken was inviolate. It is therefore fitting, in view of his beautiful character, that his memory should be cherished by all who knew him.

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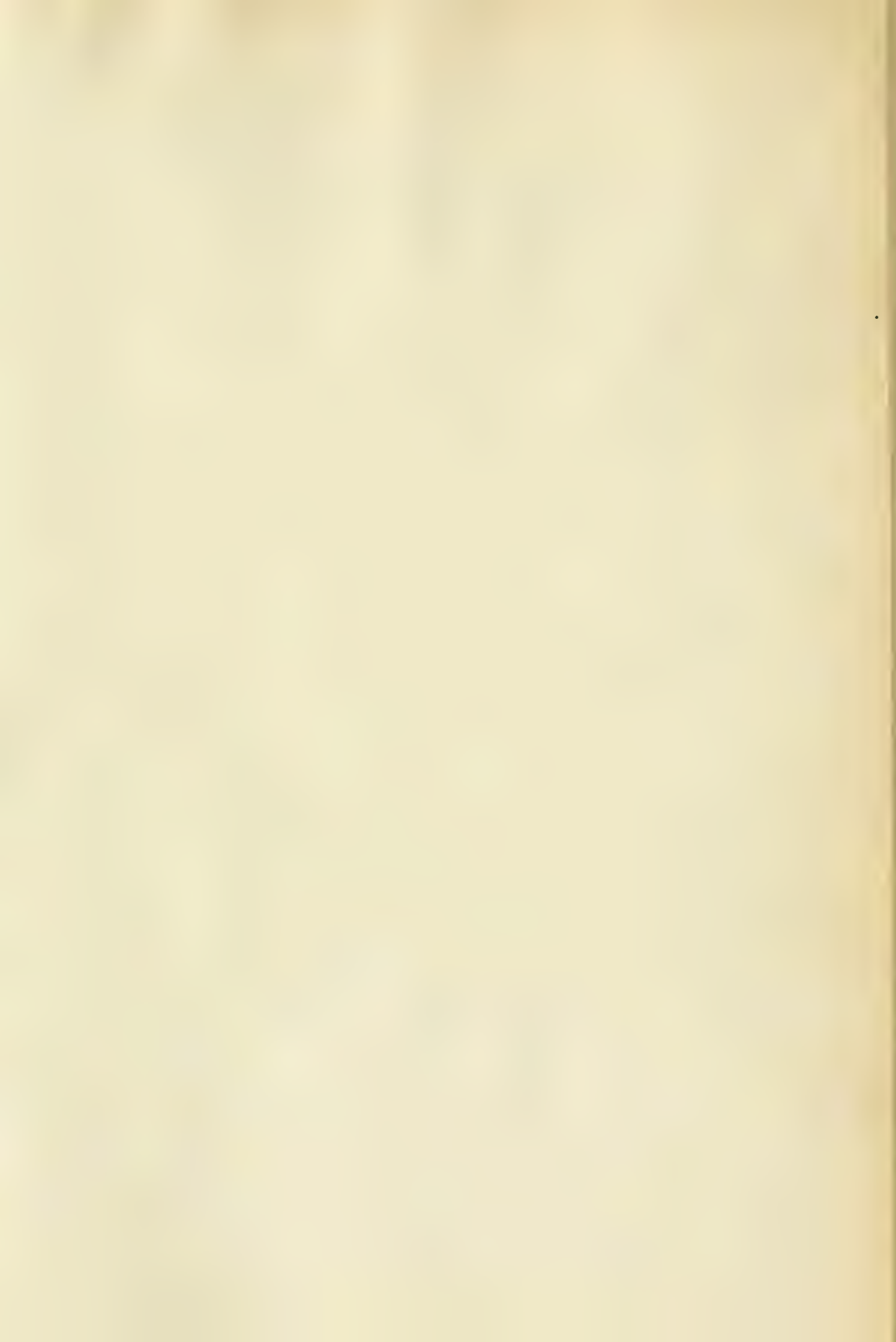
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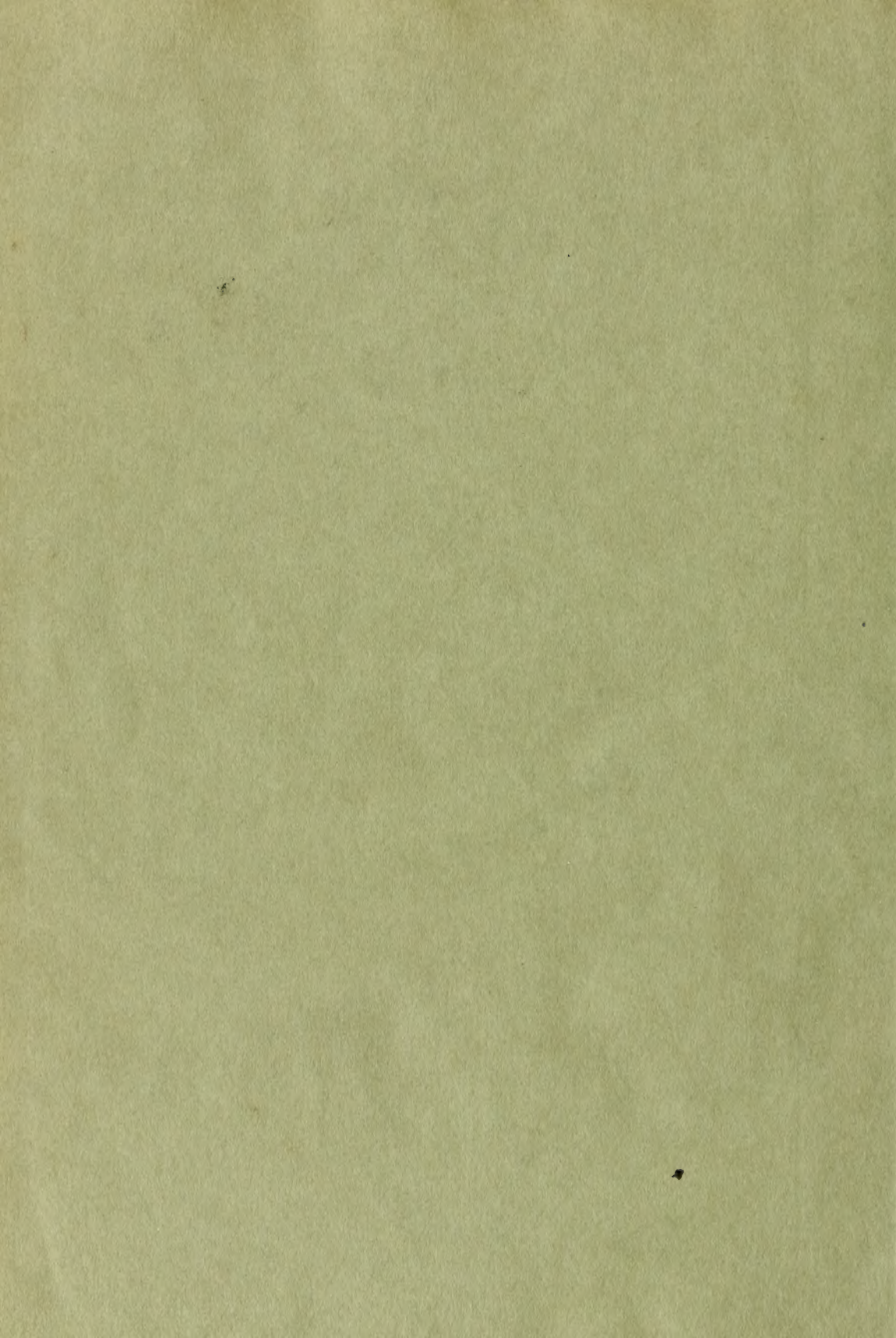
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